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# WILL GRAVY TRAIN PICK UP SPOUSES?

You could pay for foreign trips of council officials' partners

WIVES and husbands of top council officials could be included in all-expenses paid trips abroad under a controversial proposal due to go before full council later this month.

The report, which has been recommended for refusal by the council executive, outlines plans to "modernise" the council's protocols when it comes to sending delegations abroad.

The move would set in stone practices which already happen on an

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■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

informal basis, although Canterbury says the expenses incurred by the tax-paying public are "minimal".

The report reads: "The convention has become that meals en route and travel for the council's party to Reims (Canterbury's French twin town), including spouses or partners has been borne by the council. The council also pays for gifts to interpreters and chauffeurs.

"Where spouses are part of the council delegation, and they are giving up their own time to help represent the council, then the council should meet any costs not met by the hosts.

"Similarly, where the council hosts visitors to the district and spouses or partners form part of the council party then the council ought to meet the costs of the event, including those costs attributable to spouses."

The report cited that French and Italian dignitaries often expected wives and partners to attend civic functions, as this is the norm on the Continent.

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## TV SHOW IS BACK FOR MORE ANIMAL MAGIC

Presenters of hit BBC1 children's TV show Roar are back filming at Howletts Wild Animal Park in Bekesbourne. The show, which returns to screens on April 14 for a re-run of series two, puts the spotlight on the tourist attraction - and its sister park, Port Lympne, near Ashford.

Presenters Rani Price and Matt Skilton (pictured) will be seen in the new series later to be broadcast later this year. FULL STORY - SEE PAGE 3

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# Why marathon suddenly made Sense to Sarah

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

**SPORTY** Canterbury student Sarah Thompson has found fresh motivation to run the London Marathon because of a deaf and blind charity.

The University of Kent student is used to working hard, but this is no ordinary challenge. She will be running the gruelling 26.2 mile race for the first time on Sunday.

She will join more than 36,000 runners, pounding the streets of the city in what has become one of the world's biggest mass participation sporting events.

Ms Thompson said: "This is my first London Marathon and I just can't wait. My family are so proud, especially my three brothers."

But until charity Sense offered Sarah a place she may not have run at all. Because of the popularity of the event tens of thousands of people are turned away.

Charities run what are known as 'Golden Bond' schemes where athletes can compete if they promise to raise a four-figure sum for charity. Every year the London Marathon raises more than £30 million for charity.

The 20-year-old was offered places by several charities, but Sense provided the motivation she needed to train four times a week for the race.

She added: "Sense seemed like such a worthy cause and the people have been excellent all the way through my training. Running for the charity is great and I'm even thinking of dying my hair in Sense's orange colour to show my support on marathon day."

Sense is a national charity that supports people who have hearing and visual impairments. About 23,000 people in the UK suffer from severe deafblindness, and a quarter of a million are affected to a lesser degree, many in older age.

Simon Taylor, Sense's London



**CHARITY:** Canterbury student Sarah Thompson will run the London Marathon

Marathon project manager, said: "We are delighted that Sarah is one of over 400 people that have chosen to run the Flora London Marathon for Sense."

"Most of what we learn about the world comes through our ears and eyes, so deaf/blind people face major challenges with communication, access to information and mobility. We believe they couldn't be running for a more worthwhile cause and we'll be behind them every step of the way, cheering them on."

So far the English Literature student has raised £1,300 of the £1,400 she needs to run. Donations can still be made at [www.justgiving.com/sarathompson2](http://www.justgiving.com/sarathompson2).

• Coverage of the London Marathon will be carried extensively on BBC1 throughout Sunday.

**'Trips abroad with spouses are minimal'**

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It described Canterbury as "a major European brand" with a number of international links.

Yet a council spokesman said trips abroad, including those with spouses and partners, were minimal, and accounted for a very small number of jaunts each year.

He said: "On the vast majority of trips in which the spouse has attended, the council representative has covered the spouse's costs in full out of their own money. The only time the cost has been borne by the council is the annual swimming trip to Reims."

"That is specifically because the spouse is invited to attend by Reims, and even then it only involves minimal travel costs. All other costs are paid for by the hosts in Reims."

"The council's General Purposes Committee considered these proposed changes at a recent meeting and recommended to full council that they be rejected."

Full council will make a final decision on April 24.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Dinghy in distress in blizzard conditions

AN INFLATABLE dinghy got into difficulties during the blizzard conditions on Sunday afternoon.

The Whitstable lifeboat had to be launched to rescue the two people on board. The dinghy, which was used to shuttle the crew of a large motor cruiser to and from the shore, was discovered near to the entrance of Faversham Creek.

The occupants were trying to return to the vessel, moored at Harty Ferry, after a visit ashore.

## Dean of Canterbury gets Freedom rights

THE Freedom of the City of Canterbury will be bestowed on the Dean of Canterbury, the Very Reverend Robert Willis.

It will be presented at a special meeting of the full council at the Guildhall, on Wednesday, May 7.

To receive this honour, the recipient needs to be renowned on a county or wider level and ideally have a reputation that enhances the image of the Canterbury district.

The ceremony will start at 7pm and the public are welcome to attend.

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# Local produce is now on Asda shopping list

## Comedian Vic will promote pilot scheme

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

VIC Reeves will launch a county-wide drive to get more local produce in Asda supermarkets at the firm's Canterbury branch next week.

The comedian, who lives near Ashford, is the public face of the retail giant's bid to support local producers and it is hoped his appearance in-store will encourage more to get on board.

He will appear at the store next Wednesday, April 16.

Canterbury Asda will be one of five stores piloting the new scheme to increase the amount of local produce on the supermarket chain's shelves.

The Sturry Road store will feature one side of an aisle devoted to selling a selection of Kent goods, chosen from about 300 locally-sourced products.

Terry Brickland, of Whitstable sweet maker Evans', is one of the local producers who will be supplying the Asda stores in the county.

He said: "It's an exciting time for us. We supply candy floss and popcorn and later in the



LAUGHING IN THE AISLES: TV funnyman Vic Reeves will be in-store next week to highlight the shop's local produce

year we'll supply toffee apples.

"Ours is one of the best-selling lines so it will be going into the other stores too."

Mr Brickland's company also supplies Harrods and Hamley's in London, as well as several outlets on Blackpool beach.

He said: "Our standard is the same no matter who we are selling to. If you have a good product, it has to be that way I think."

Bank Farm in Ashford has been Asda's local hub for the county since 2006, and has helped many local producers gain listings within the supermarket's 11 stores in Kent.

Asda spokeswoman Julia Tweedie said: "We've pioneered the concept of using a local

distributor or hub to act as a central reference point that makes it easy for small fresh food producers to get their products into a major chain like Asda.

"The quality and commitment from suppliers in Kent is nothing short of phenomenal and we're delighted to be working with Bank Farm and local fresh food businesses in the county".

As well as Vic Reeves, senior staff from Asda and Bank Farm will be at the launch to talk to potential suppliers about the scheme.

There will also be local foods to sample including cooked meats, cheese and chutney as well as beer and a Kentish Buffet to showcase local Kent produce.

## Protestor's challenge to Archbishop

CHARGES against two men accused of protesting against the Archbishop of Canterbury during his Easter address have been dropped.

Appearing in court this week, the duo – both from Sheffield – were bound over to keep the peace by Canterbury magistrates.

It means they must promise to not break the law again during the next 12 months or face a £100 fine.

They had been charged under section two of the 1860 Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act for creating a disturbance in the cathedral.

The charge carried a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment.

Kyle Spotswood, 26, and Sidney Cordle, 52, were arrested after interrupting the start of Dr Rowan Williams' Easter Sunday sermon in a protest over the Archbishop's recent comments on Sharia law.

However, outside court, Mr Spotswood issued a new challenge to the Archbishop, calling on him to take part in a public debate to discuss "what should be the Christian response to Sharia law".

## Music promoter pulls plug on gig at Mt Ephraim

ONE of the biggest outdoor music events in the area – Mount Ephraim Gardens' Electric Gardens – has been cancelled.

Despite a sell-out crowd of more than 14,000 last year for the two-day event, promoters ClubClass have pulled the plug on the event, to Bremley Corner, citing a lack of time and resources to give it "the attention it deserved".

Last year's event was headlined by the Manchester band the Happy Mondays and Supergrass.

The well-known promotions company has recently been involved in Radio 1's Big Weekend festival, to be held at Mote Park in Maidstone next month. More than 40,000 people are expected to attend the event, although the line-up has not yet been announced.

ClubClass promoter Jeff Gray said:

"We simply don't have the time or resources to work on both the Radio 1 Big Weekend and Electric Gardens. We would not be able to give Electric Gardens the time or the commitment it needs and deserves."

Mr Gray said policing charges introduced on April 1, which require organisers of large events to cover the cost of police involvement, also contributed to the decision.

He said: "The cost of policing the event definitely had an impact; the River Festival in Maidstone isn't happening this year because of it, but it was one of many reasons."

A spokesman for Mount Ephraim Gardens said: "It's a shame it's not happening, but there's nothing we can do."

ClubClass says it plans another festival in the county next year – but has not decided on where.

## Roar deal good news for park

HOWLETTS bosses are bracing themselves for another surge in visitors as BBC children's show Roar returns to the screens next week for a re-run.

And the good news is there is a new series currently in production, with TV crews currently back at the park in Bekesbourne to film a third series. It will follow-up on stories previously broadcast and introduce viewers to some of the attraction's new arrivals.

Howletts spokeswoman Tricia Corkhill told Yourcanterbury: "Having Roar film at the park is great for us. We hope it will attract the children who have watched the show and presenters in the previous series."

"In the past we have usually had a lot of children coming along to see the presenters."

The programme is shot at both Howletts and its sister park, Port Lympne, near Ashford.

Among the treats in store for fans, the third series will include visits to the newest residents of the animal park, such as the baby African elephant and a newborn lion-tailed macaque.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Town hall funding for charities up for grabs

GRANTS are now available for charities and voluntary groups seeking financial support for next year.

The Single Grants Gateway is the council's system for offering help to charities and voluntary groups, and can provide up to £50,000 of funding each year.

To qualify, an organisation must demonstrate it meets the criteria and contributes to the council's current priorities as outlined in its Corporate Plan.

Applications for both grants and parking concessions can be made until May 12 by visiting Canterbury council's website at [www.canterbury.gov.uk/sgg](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/sgg).

## Dog owner sentenced for neglecting his pet

A DOG owner from Ash has been sentenced after cruelly neglecting to treat his pet's flea allergy.

James Wilson, of Molland Lea, received a three-year conditional discharge and had to pay £250 costs after being convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to his dog, when he appeared before Canterbury magistrates last week.

The court heard when an RSPCA inspector arrived she found the black cross-breed dog named Rex suffering from a severe flea allergy that meant lots of its hair was missing.

## Drop in and get your hearing aid checked

DEAF and hard-of-hearing charity Hi Kent is running another of its drop-in clinics for hearing aid users at its Canterbury centre next week.

People with NHS hearing aids can drop in and get their hearing aids cleaned and re-tubed, and also collect fresh batteries free of charge.

Hi Kent chief executive John Clayton said: "We are now bringing our free service to Canterbury on the third Friday of every month."

The next session will be held at 46 Northgate on 18 April from 10am-1pm.

## Bus firm comes out top

CANTERBURY's park and ride services will be taken over by Kent Top Travel from October.

A spokesman for Kent County Council said the contractors were selected following a "full, competitive tender".

The service will receive 10 brand new vehicles – four double deckers and six single deckers.

# 'Tarnished jewel' set to shine again thanks to wildlife reserve scheme

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

SEASALTER will be home to a new wildlife reserve after a partnership between the council and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

The Seasalter Levels, an area of 500 hectares of coastal marshland, is part of an internationally important site for nature conservation, but has been left neglected over recent years.

Now Canterbury council has agreed to help the charity buy back some of the land plots on the Whitstable Bay and Vikings Estates if required, which form part of the Levels.

The RSPB would own the land in its name and help with the cost of long-term maintenance.

Swale council and Natural England are also contributing towards the scheme.

Controversy has surrounded the purchase of the plot lands since they were created and sold off in the 1970s.

Some were used for illegal raves, caravan sites and buildings, with Canterbury council and Swale council taking action against more than 200 unauthorised developments.

It is hoped that the new scheme will return the marshlands to their former natural state.

In future the scheme hopes to attract breeding birds such as lapwings and redshanks, as

well as waders and wildfowl including teals, wigeons and curlews.

Plants and other wildlife would also prosper under the redevelopment.

Chris Corrigan, RSPB regional director for South East England, said: "Over time, we hope wildlife will return to the Levels, and the reserve can be extended out onto other neglected areas, which no longer support the wildlife that should be there."

Alan Parker, RSPB site manager for Seasalter Levels, said: "The Seasalter Levels are like a tarnished jewel.

"They are part of the wildlife-rich marshland of North Kent but illegal or inappropriate use has driven out the wildlife from much of the site.

"Although full restoration will take several years, local people should see a steady increase in the wildlife using the site as the work progresses.

In time, Seasalter Levels will become the internationally important wildlife site it is supposed to be as well as a magical place for people to enjoy."

Leader of Canterbury council, Cllr John Gilbey, said: "We look forward to seeing the levels of wildlife we once used to have at Seasalter restored over the coming years."

Picture C GOMERSALL (rspb-images.com)



HOME: Birds like this redshank are expected at the Levels

## Whitefriars' spring fashion show

SHOPS will be showing off their latest collections at the Whitefriars fashion show next week.

There will be four free half-hour shows held during the day – at 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.30pm – on a specially constructed stage and catwalk in Whitefriars Square.

The show is the culmination of three days of fashion events and promotions to mark the launch of spring and summer ranges.

In between the main fashion shows there will be a host of other activities on stage, including Toni & Guy hair shows, Boots makeovers, Millets presentations and demonstrations by All Fired Up Ceramics Café.

There will also be special guest appearances from Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bearemy, and Wagamama staff will be giving away two-for-one discount vouchers.

The fashion show will be held on Saturday, April 19.

Other events during the three-day Whitefriars Fashion Gala include a fashion and beauty event at Boots to be held on Thursday, April 17 from 5.30pm to 8pm.

It follows Fenwick's successful recent catwalk launch of its spring and summer collections – clips of which you can see on our free, broadband, website – [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

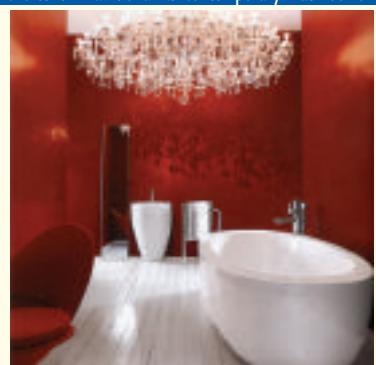
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**HOT TOPIC:** Baroness Susan Greenfield will chair the panel of expert religious and scientific speakers

# Open invite to join in city stem cell debate

SCIENTISTS and religious speakers will contest the issues surrounding controversial stem cell research at Christ Church University this Saturday.

Canterbury will host the public debate which will feature talks from one of the Archbishop's closest aides, as well as internationally renowned scientists.

The panel of expert speakers chaired by Baroness Susan Greenfield, director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, will present the scientific, governance and ethical issues and lead the debate.

Organised by the Canterbury Association of Women Graduates in association with the university, the event aims to enable people to find out more about stem cell research, which has divided scientists and church leaders along ethical lines.

Anita Bone, joint president of the Canterbury Association of Women Graduates, said: "Stem cell research is increasingly in the news, sometimes on a daily basis.

"Although the public have various concerns about the subject, particularly on the ethical issues, we feel that the general shortage of readily understandable information is preventing people reaching an informed opinion.

"This is an opportunity for professionals and public alike to learn the facts and to debate the issues involved."

Stem cells are cells capable of differentiat-

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

ing into a diverse range of specialised cell types, which could theoretically be used to replace damaged or diseased cells in patients.

Medical researchers hope to use the technology to treat a wide variety of diseases including cancer, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injuries, and muscle damage, as well as a number of other impairments and conditions.

Stem cell research is controversial because starting a stem cell line requires the destruction of a human embryo, which pro-life groups argue is a human life and should be afforded protection.

Claire Foster, the policy adviser in science, medicine, technology and environmental issues to the Archbishop's Council of the Church of England, will talk about the ethical issues involved in stem cell research.

With a background in theology, moral philosophy and environmental and medical ethics, Mrs Foster is also senior adviser at St Paul's Institute for 21st century ethics, and a lay canon at St Paul's Cathedral, London.

Open to the public, the debate takes place in the Powell Building on the North Holmes campus. It runs from 9am-4pm. Entry is £35 and includes lunch and refreshments.

To book a place contact the Canterbury Association of Women Graduates on 01304 619143 or download the form at [www.canterbury.ac.uk/events](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/events).

## Showcase for top music talent

GUITARIST Duncan Black is one of Canterbury's top musical talents and is the subject of a special showcase on the county's top online music show.

The professionally-trained musician - who is now in training to become a music teacher - stars in The Ether, the regular section on our free, broadband website [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk) which puts the spotlight on emerging talents.

Presenter Charley Vines chats to the musician about his career so far and gets his view on the county's music scene.

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## yourcanterbury NEWS IN BRIEF

### Officers get coast ready for the summer

WITH summer just around the corner, council officers have carried out a full foreshore inspection of Herne Bay and Whitstable.

Officers and street scene inspectors walked all 14 miles of the coastal strip between the council boundaries of Reculver and Seasalter.

They inspected everything from checking litterbins to making sure all the lifesaving equipment is in working order.

They also took the opportunity to talk to members of the public and hear their views about the state of the beaches and surrounding areas.

Any suggestions for improvements were also taken on board.

With the seasonal dog ban now in force until the end of September, the officers were eager to remind dog owners of the rules.

The ban is along two areas of beach, one in Herne Bay and the other at Tankerton.

Within these marked out areas, dogs are not allowed on the beach and have to be on leads on the promenade.

### Beggar gets 80 days in jail for breaking city ban

SERIAL beggar James Love is behind bars because he broke an ASBO banning him from Canterbury city centre.

Love, 23, of Spring Lane, Canterbury was seen begging in Longport car park on March 7, and on March 28 he was seen in one of the city's underpasses.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting at Canterbury Magistrates Court, said Love was seen by a parking attendant trying to beg from drivers.

David Nelson, defending, said Love was given the ASBO because he was convicted of begging offences six times between March 2006 and March 2007.

Love was sentenced to 80 days in prison.

### Kite cameras give a rare bird's eye view of Oz

FILMS taken by kite-mounted cameras are one of the many works to be found at a new exhibition in Canterbury.

The kite was flown by artist Neville Gabie above three different aspects of the Western Australian landscape.

It is the central feature at Canterbury Royal Museum and Art Gallery.

Based on his work in Australia, Neville Gabie has just been selected by the British Antarctic Survey to do a residency in Antarctica in December 2008.

The exhibition is on view from April 11 to May 10 and admission is free.

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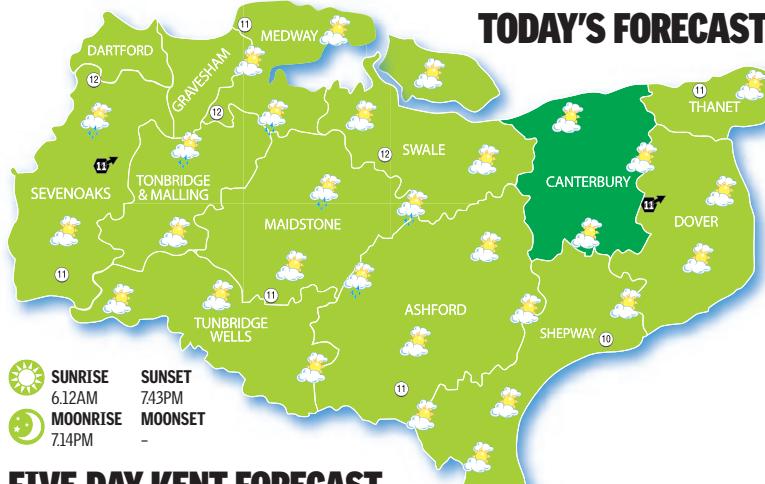
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	Sunday	3:41pm	6.1m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	2:45pm	7.5m
	Sunday	3:33pm	7.0m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	3:18pm	4.9m
	Sunday	4:11pm	4.7m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	4:21pm	5.6m
	Sunday	5:06pm	5.3m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	4:24pm	5.1m
	Sunday	5:06pm	4.9m

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<b>Chatham</b>	7°C	10°C	10°C	11°C	12°C
<b>Dartford</b>	9°C	11°C	12°C	13°C	13°C
<b>Dover</b>	7°C	9°C	10°C	10°C	11°C
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## Pop-pickers can win £1,000 every day

COMMERCIAL radio station Invicta FM is giving away £1,000 every day this week to listeners able to identify three songs.

The Whitstable-based station's 9-2-5 promotion hands £1,000 to the lucky fifth caller able to identify songs its plays at 9am, 2pm and 5pm.

And the winner of the first bumper cheque was George Piper from Hersden, near Canterbury.

A spokesman for the station said: "If you're caller five and you can tell us the artist and title of all three songs, you win £1,000. It's that easy. "So make sure you have us on all day, everyday or you'll miss out on the cash."

## ID group sets up stall

MEMBERS of Canterbury's No2id group – campaigning to scrap government proposals for the introduction of national identity cards – will be in the city centre later this month.

On Saturday, April 19, the group will be staging its third stall outside the city library from 10am to 4pm.

They will be hoping to collect signatures for a petition opposing the plans for ID cards as well as securing those prepared to pledge never to accept an ID card when they are introduced.

They have invited Canterbury MP Julian Brazier to visit the stall and discuss his views on the scheme and are currently awaiting a response from the Conservative politician.

Meanwhile, No2id will be staging its next monthly meeting at Coffee and Corks in Palace Street on May 7 at 7pm.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### ANN BARNES



Q & A

The chair of the Kent Police Authority took the time to talk to Lauren Mumford about the work of the independent body which oversees the county's police force and what she'd do if she had her time again.

**Q** Tell us a little about yourself.

**A** I was born in Lancashire but have lived in Lyminge with my husband Tony for the last 30 years.

Tony runs a veterinary practice in Folkestone, ironically enough I met my husband when I took my cat to the vets! It cost me a fortune.

I have two children, Rachel and Jonathon, and a house full of cats and dogs, including a failed police dog, Alice the German shepherd.

I've spent much of my career in the education service. I am a teacher by profession and taught English and business to post 16 students for 27 years before joining the authority some seven years ago.

**Q** What is the role of chair?

**A** Time has flown and this is my third year as chair. Each year I have to go through an election process.

My role is quite diverse and very influential, so I can help make a difference. I could be meeting the Home Secretary one day, attending a counter terrorism briefing the next and then visiting a day care centre the day after – all equally important.

**Q** We have the Home Office and Kent police, so why do we need a police authority?

**A** Someone has to hold the police force to account. Our job is to oversee Kent police as

an independent body – almost like a police watchdog but with more powers.

We have local representatives keeping an eye on each policing area. We monitor performance and hold the purse strings for the chief constable. It's up to us to set the budget and police council tax, as well as setting priorities for the force.

At the end of the day it's our job to make sure that our police force is delivering a quality service that's value for money for the taxpayers of Kent.

**Q** If the authority claims to provide value for money for residents, then why did you increase police council tax?

**A** It's never easy putting up taxes and I hate to do it. There are 17 members on the authority and we looked at a range of options before deciding on an increase of £6 a year for a band D household.

It's very difficult as the chief constable comes to the authority with policing pressures and we have to balance this with the impact it will have on residents.

But we're not getting too bad a deal here in Kent and Medway. In fact we are one of the lowest paying counties for police council tax and it's interesting to realise that as individuals we pay less for our police than almost everyone in the country.

Setting a council tax that would take us just to the national average would give us something in the region of an extra £12million to spend on frontline policing, but it would mean a big percentage and we can't do that.

**Q** Any comment on the pay dispute?

**A** I'm a member of the Police Negotiating Board, the body that tried to negotiate the pay deal and we were very disappointed that the pay increase was not backdated.

I actually went along to the London protest to offer my support to our Kent police officers.

They do an amazing job and I personally support their campaign in challenging the Home Office's decision.

**Q** If you weren't chair of Kent Police Authority what would you be doing?

**A** If I had my time all over again I would be a criminal barrister, like my daughter.

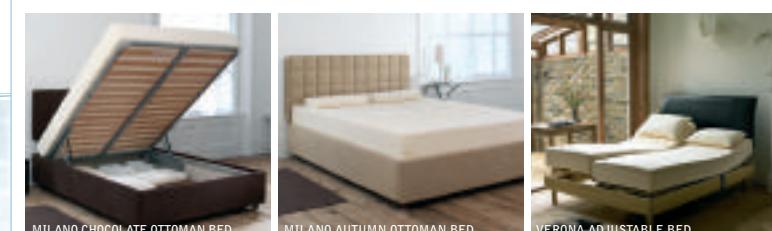
I find the way people's minds work fascinating and I like to be one step ahead.

In my own time I love amateur dramatics, so I guess the role of taking on a persona and being on show all the time appeals.

Being the chair of the authority is similar too in terms of performing in a certain way.

I'm actually about to take part in a performance of 'Allo 'Allo' at Lyminge Village Hall from tonight until Saturday, a well-loved comedy and a great favourite of mine. Come along if you have the time – I promise that you'll really enjoy it.

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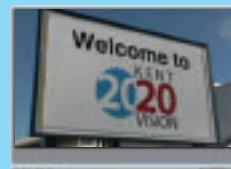
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Graham B ponders the idea of our police wearing video cameras.

Behind the scenes with the voice of motorsport Murray Walker, for the British Touring Car Championship.

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

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# Site maps out the reasons behind safety cameras

■ BY NICK AMES

A WEBSITE showing the location of speed cameras on the county's roads has just been set up.

The Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership is running a new advertising campaign inviting the public to log on to [www.kmscp.org](http://www.kmscp.org), where they can see where every camera is – and find out the reasons for their installation.

The group says the drive – which will have information published in print as well as on TV and radio – is to show that cameras are there for safety reasons first and foremost.

Critics of the surveillance equipment have frequently stated that the cameras act mainly as cash-generating devices to provide revenue for their operators – and have a negligible effect on road safety and accident prevention.

Staff said that by listing the safety camera sites motorists will be armed with the knowledge of where the cameras are operating, giving them a chance to slow down and avoid a £60 fine and three points on their licence.

As well as the locations, the website lists the speed limit the camera is enforcing, the type of camera being used and the casualty figures for the area – explaining why the camera was installed in the first place.

The site also explains how safety cameras work, the reasons they have been brought in and how many tickets have been issued to the



**EXPLAINED:** The site will give the reasons behind the locations of every speed camera in the county

motoring public. According to the partnership there has been a 58 per cent reduction in those killed or seriously injured at safety camera sites since it was formed in July 2002.

Rachel Wall, the partnership's communications manager, said: "The advertising campaign aims to raise awareness of our website, which holds a huge amount of information about safety cameras, including the location of every site in the county."

"The cameras are only installed where people have died or been seriously injured in a speed-related crash, and these crash statistics can be viewed on our site."

"The cameras are not there to make money but to warn motorists that previous casualties have occurred on the section of the road that the camera is enforcing, and that the camera is a way of slowing traffic to ensure such tragedies are not repeated."

## Puppy scam that hurts your pocket

ANIMAL lovers have been warned to be wary of a scam in which people hand over money for puppies that are never received.

Newspaper advertisements have appeared offering puppies for little or no money other than the cost of transportation by courier from places such as Scotland or Plymouth, say Kent police.

Anyone who answers the advertisement is asked to forward the courier costs via a money transfer service.

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No matter how much money is sent, and regardless of promises made by the supplier, the animal is never received.

The transferred funds are collected within hours of being sent and cashed overseas.

Anyone who may have information regarding this type of crime can phone the investigating officers on 01622 654374.

## Dyke slates Blair and 'gutless' BBC bigwigs

FORMER BBC director general Greg Dyke blasted ex-Prime Minister Tony Blair during a speech at the Kent 2020 exhibition.

More than 2,500 guests attended the county's biggest business event on Thursday at Kent County Showground at Dethling Hill, Maidstone.

Many of them heard Mr Dyke, who was the keynote speaker, say it was four years since he had left the BBC following a controversial story about the need to go to war in Iraq because of alleged weapons of mass destruction.

He said: "If I was still in charge of the BBC, I would have described the governors of the BBC as fine, upstanding people, but I can tell you most were hopeless, gutless bastards and the sooner the system is changed the better."

"The evidence is quite clear that both the British and US governments grossly exaggerated the case for war. The BBC story that led to my departure was right. We were right and they were wrong. We as journalists did our job. Tony Blair did not do his as we have expected of a prime minister. We as journalists told it as it was. He didn't."

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# Campaign has hand in hygiene advance



■ BY PHIL REILLY

A NEW report has shown a rise in the number of hospital workers washing their hands just days after KOS Media launched a campaign to encourage hygiene.

The East Kent Hospitals Patient and Public Involvement Forum conducted an audit of people using alcohol hand-washing solution at the William Harvey, Kent and Canterbury and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother hospitals.

It took place on February 7, just four days after KOS Media launched its campaign to promote hand hygiene at home, work, hospitals and healthcare centres across the county.

Volunteers from the forum observed more than 1,500 doctors, nurses, patients, visitors and other staff, and found that more were using alcohol gel to keep their hands clean than during a previous audit in October.

The audit found that 64 per cent of doctors, 67 per cent of nurses, 80 per cent of other health-care workers, 17 per cent of patients and 41 per cent of visitors were seen to use alcohol gel when entering or leaving wards.

The report's author, John Fletcher, said this was an improvement on the previous audit but said more should be done to make sure those entering hospitals washed their hands at the entrances.



KEEPING IT CLEAN: Maidstone was one of the hospitals at the centre of the shocking superbug outbreaks

He also said that door cleaning should be a priority and insisted it was very important for staff who moved from ward to ward to clean their hands regularly.

Among the most common excuses made by those caught not cleaning their hands were "I forgot", "I didn't know" and "I am about to do it at the next ward".

Sarah Andrews, director of nursing and lead for infection control in Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS Trust, said she was delighted to see a rise in the number of people using the alcohol gel so soon after the launch of the campaign.

She said: "We hope this shows that this important campaign is having a positive effect on cleanliness in our hospitals and public health."

"The PPI Forum's report on their hygiene

audit is always very helpful. Hopefully when the next audit is done we will see a further rise in the number of people using the gel – then we will be certain that the campaign is working."

If anyone would like to help by displaying a poster they can contact our communications team on 01227 791166 who will be happy to send one to them."

KOS Media's campaign, in partnership with the NHS, aims to raise awareness of the importance of hand hygiene in hospitals and help in the fight against superbugs.

It follows devastating outbreaks of the superbug *Clostridium difficile* in west Kent, which killed at least 90 people.

Industry watchdog the Healthcare Commission cited poor infection control as a major cause in a damning report last October.



A FERRY GOOD CAUSE: Dame Kelly Holmes

## Kelly's onboard for Sport Relief

DOUBLE gold medal-winning athlete Dame Kelly Holmes joined forces with staff from the Norfolkline ferry service to raise money for Sport Relief.

Dame Kelly teamed up with seven crew members from the Maersk Delft ferry to take part in a group attempt to run 22 miles – the distance between the ports of Dover and Dunkirk – while the luxury cruise-liner sailed that route.

The former Olympian, who supports Sport Relief's aim of using sport to improve the lives of children living in poverty around the world, was able to complete the final mile on the treadmill set up in the main restaurant of the Maersk Delft.

She said: "I think it is a great cause – it's nice when someone local tries to do something a bit different and quirky."

"Being on the treadmill was quite challenging itself, not only because it is running, but secondly because of the motion of the boat – I thought I was going to be thrown off at some stages!"

"It probably showed that I need to do some more training."

Dame Kelly, from Hildenborough, said that she had enjoyed being part of a team again.

"It was great to have the camaraderie of a group of people running to raise money for a good cause – it was good fun."

The money raised by Dame Kelly and the other runners was matched by Norfolkline – leading to £5,000 being raised.

• For footage of Dame Kelly on the ferry, visit [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk)

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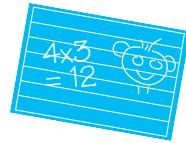
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## BREAK TIME



**ASIAN INFLUENCE:** Japanese students visited Simon Langton School for Girls

## School shares in Japanese culture

JAPANESE students experienced life at a British grammar school on a recent visit to Simon Langton School for Girls.

Sixth form pupils at the Canterbury school welcomed students from the Shiraume Gakuen High School in Japan in an exchange visit last month.

Students were paired up and attended a Year 12 lecture about HIV.

After school, the teaching was reversed when the Japanese students taught Origami.

Head girls at Simon Langton, Alice Starkey and Tara Marti said: "There wasn't a great deal of communication in English, but we were able to understand each other and it was really good for us to have to make the effort to understand other cultures."

## 20mph poster prompt

WHITSTABLE pupils have designed posters to remind drivers of the 20mph speed limit now in operation outside the school.

Children at St Alphege Infant School made the posters as part of their road safety week. A winning design was chosen from each of the three year groups.

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# Chef visit cooks up college enthusiasm

■ BY RACHEL McATHY

EXCITEMENT is in the air at Canterbury College as students look forward to working with professional chef Mark Rossi later this month.

Catering students will have the opportunity to work with the ABoode Hotel chef in the Beretun Restaurant on campus.

They will produce a three-course gourmet meal under Mr Rossi's direction and menu.

Twenty students are taking part, 10 to 15 of whom will be working alongside the chef in the kitchen.

Cheflecturer, Jackie Stone, from Canterbury College said her students are preparing for an exciting service.

She said: "All the students working with Mark in the kitchen, and those serving at the tables, are anticipating a very busy but rewarding evening."

The event will give students an insight into working alongside an executive chef in a professional kitchen.

They are eager to impress and are practicing in the training kitchens at the college on a daily basis.

Mrs Stone said: "Having Mark come to the college is really exciting, the students are now very keen to show off their skills and gain as much from the day as possible."

As a former catering student himself, Mr Rossi understands the importance of hands-on training for students.

He said: "I am very excited about this oppor-



**IN TRAINING:** Canterbury College catering students practice ready for working with professional chef Mark Rossi

tunity. Several members of my junior team are students studying at the college and I am consistently impressed with their determination and abilities in the kitchen.

"I am delighted to be able to come into the college and work with all of them directly."

The chef, currently at the city centre ABoode Hotel has previously worked with Nico Ladenis at the three-star Michelin Chez Nico at Park Lane and the Roux brothers at the famous Waterside Inn.

He offered his services to the college as part of his commitment to the training of young

chefs for the future.

Section manager of catering at the college, Dominic Bowlt, is eager to offer students a change in teaching methods.

He said: "We see him as an industrial professor who can offer enrichment to our students. The students work daily in our training kitchens, but having Mark there will be different to how our chef lecturers do it."

The meal is taking place on Wednesday, April 30. Anybody who is interested in booking a table should contact the college on 01227 81111.

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## Cultural drought is hidden from the rest of the world

IT must be very confusing for anyone trying to work out Canterbury council's approach to leisure and entertainment.

The council likes to trumpet the city's leisure credentials far and wide – evidenced most spectacularly by its attempt to be crowned European Capital of Culture 2008. But on the ground the reality is somewhat different.

If you go to Brighton, Oxford, Cambridge or Bath the city centres are stuffed with arts venues, giving a wide choice of entertainment.

Canterbury has a different approach. We have the Marlowe Theatre, The Gulbenkian Theatre (wholly owned and run by the University of Kent and well away from the city centre) and the privately owned Orange Street Music Club. Don't get me wrong, there are also two or three pubs putting on live music – but none of this adds up to the thriving Mecca of fun associated with a "capital of culture".

There was, for a while, a part-time venue at the Canterbury Urban Studies Centre. But that was handed over on a long-term lease to the King's School – so it is now only available

for two weeks of the year when it becomes the tiny (but busy) Canterbury Festival Club.

Oh yes – for the two weeks of the year when the festival is in full swing and the leaders of the nation's arts communities are invited to the city to sample its cultural wares one could be forgiven for believing we live in a city bathed in culture – but outside that particular box the facade slips and the reality of our cultural wasteland is all too numbing.

But what of all the festivals? Well, the St Dunstans' street festivals were great for a while. But apart from the odd few hundred quid once or twice to help pay insurance costs they were never funded by the council. Indeed, no one from the leisure or culture departments ever attended or participated in them at all.

Fabulous events were held in Whitefriars. Including an international music day – but all requests for funding for these events were turned down by the council and so Land Securities paid for everything.

Though I have to admit I laughed at the local government conference when, during a presentation on the Olympics, Canterbury

was held up as the exemplar of regeneration through culture. On the screen were a series of photographs, each branded with the Canterbury council logo, taken at St Dunstans, Lounge On The Farm and the World Music Event in Whitefriars.

The designation of a cultural quarter in the city was, on the face of it, a good plan. But now much of that 'quarter' is about to become the subject of a licensing 'saturation policy' designed to ensure no more than the existing six licensed premises, (including the Marlowe Theatre) currently within it can trade there. As four of these premises are pubs and only the remaining two are cultural, one wonders where the 'cultural quarter' bit comes in.

Don't get me wrong, the renewal of the Marlowe Theatre is wonderful, but one theatre does not a cultural capital make. The council needs to join-up its thinking. What we need are venues – not more pubs.

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**Question:** Which one of the following acts does not appear in AFRIKA!AFRIKA?

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- B. Acrobats
- C. Contortionists



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## TALK TIME

### MATHEW SILLETT

Mathew Sillett is an older persons scheme officer at Pafford Court in Sturry



#### What services does the centre provide for the residents?

Here at Pafford Court we help varying degrees of people with a range of issues, such as offering financial advice about mortgages and housing groups. We accommodate up to 40 residents, within 30 flats and five bungalows. Our main role is to promote independent living. For some residents, even coming down to the communal lounge can seem like an impossible task. We try to help them regain their confidence and some sort of social life, although some residents can find it difficult to change their routines. We can help in a number of ways but our aim is to open up their experiences.

#### What is your role?

I am the first port of call for any concerns or needs they may have. I will go round with residents and find out if they have any problems that they need help with, such as monetary issues like their pensions. The main aim is to help them to do all these tasks by themselves, but make sure they know that there is someone who can offer support and advice at any time. It is difficult to determine what my specific role is as I help with every aspect of their lives, with regards to any practical issues they need help with or need to discuss.

#### Is loneliness a big issue amongst the elderly?

Loneliness in the elderly is common and so residents who have become isolated are encouraged to join in with the in-house socialising that we provide. We help the residents organise social and community events that raise money for the centre. The main idea is to help them help themselves, in every way we can. Everyone gets a buzz out of it, supporters and residents alike. This keeps them socialising and within the community which is extremely important.

## YOUR LETTERS



### Case shows prison is not working

What is going on with our justice system when a woman who commits so many crimes is not given a jail sentence ('Another chance' after crime 175, Yourcanterbury, April 2)?

While I am sure the circumstances surrounding this particular women's case may have prompted such a move, it hardly sends out a deterrent does it?

But perhaps the biggest thing it highlights is how prison clearly does not work.

I was under the impression prison was designed to rehabilitate as well as punish. That quite obviously is not happening.

G Howarth  
Via email

### Brave courts should be applauded

I'm sure most people read your front page story last week and thought 'what on earth is going on here', but I have to say I rather admire the decision of the courts not to jail Joanne Jones again.

I say that because it is clear



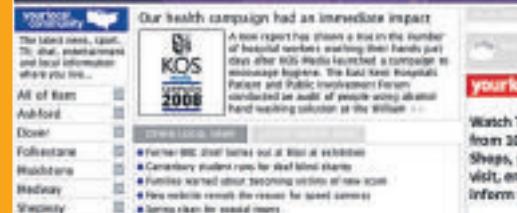
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her punishments so far have been entirely ineffective - and perhaps even made her condition worse.

It is certainly a brave move by

the bench, and I just hope the woman in question recognises it as such on behalf of the justice system.

Name and address withheld

## All the best for the future Josie

How nice it was to read about young Josie Russell turning 21 (Josie speaks out over attack that shaped her life, Yourcanterbury, April 2).

I remember so clearly the terrible events she was involved in (it seems incredible it was 12 years ago) and that she has turned into such a strong young woman is a remarkable achievement.

I would like, as I'm sure everyone who lives in the area, to wish her and her father the very best of luck for the future.

June Laver  
Whitstable

## Dead rabbit could have been artwork

Is there not a huge danger the dead rabbit story you ran last week (The strange case of the rabbit in a tree, Yourcanterbury, April 2) is just some sort of silly student prank - probably by someone who believes it was some sort of art project?

Mike Butcher  
Canterbury

## Cathedral ring is the worst message

At what point do we have to accept that whatever security measures are in place, in any public building in this country, we cannot control those who are determined to stage some sort of protest.

I read in your paper last week about the review of security measures at Canterbury Cathedral. This is one of the

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foremost places of worship in the world and everyone who enters it cannot be strip-searched or investigated when they walk into it. Making a peaceful protest is one thing. Ringing a cathedral with steel is something else altogether and sends out the very worst sort of message.

Laurence Hopkins  
Via email

## Driving at the pace of a marathon runner

Whoever wrote Yourcanterbury-blogger last week made some very fine points.

The London Marathon is an impressive spectacle, but always strikes me as a truly pointless exercise. However, with traffic flows in London grinding to a halt over the Sunday due to the all the road closures, it does perhaps provide the fastest way of getting from A to B.

F Smith  
Via email

## An incredible feat of athletic achievement

I think your blogger last week missed the point of the London Marathon. It is surely not only an incredible feat of athleticism from every one of the competitors taking part but also one of the rare sporting events which fully deserves the TV coverage it receives.

For once, these are not overpaid footballers performing miserably while claiming to play with pride for their nation, or cricketers grinding

out another bore draw.

These are our friends, neighbours, colleagues or relatives taking their turn in the spotlight. And we should support them every step of the way.

Dave Cruickshank  
Chartham

## MP is right to speak his mind - it's his job

Your letter last week (Young won't listen to ageing Tory, Yourletters, April 2) is missing the point and, I can only assume, was written by a teenager.

Julian Brazier, as our elected representative, is entitled to his views and to express them anyway he wants to. That is his job. And since when were Members of Parliament young whippersnappers?

The issue of violence in video games is one which does need to be addressed at a senior level, as it could have ramifications for so many of us - in particular the younger generation.

Mr Brazier is not appealing to youngsters directly, but challenging the way in which these sort of games earn their classifications. And that is how it should be.

Paul Thomson  
Via email

## Right to be concerned about video violence

Clive Wilkins-Oppler is, I appreciate, something of a serial letter writer to the local press, but, just for once, I have to agree with him.

Video games which are violent for the sake of being violent and thus

developing a notoriety they hope will sell more copies, should have no place in such a mainstream media.

They do not enrich the lives of those who play them. They do not educate in anyway those who play them, and those who gain some sort of enjoyment out of such blood-thirsty play probably need to seriously consider why they need such extreme graphics.

It is like the internet. You can find whatever gruesome scenes you want if you look hard enough, but once you've seen them you develop an immunity to their strength. The same should apply here with strict restrictions on their availability.

Mr K Pike  
Whitstable

## Book chapter is just a publicity stunt

Am I missing something, but why on earth is Kent County Council leader Paul Carter writing the opening chapter of a book for our school children to develop (Story initiative is launched this week, Yourcanterbury, April 2)?

Could we not have found an author to do so? Or perhaps anyone with some recognised writing talent? But the leader of KCC?

To me, it just stinks of some shameless self-publicity hunting from a man trying to establish his own status and reputation to a generation who will, I assume, be left as mystified as I was as to why he should be involved in such a way.

If anyone cares to explain, I would be only too happy to listen!

Ian Rodgers  
Via email

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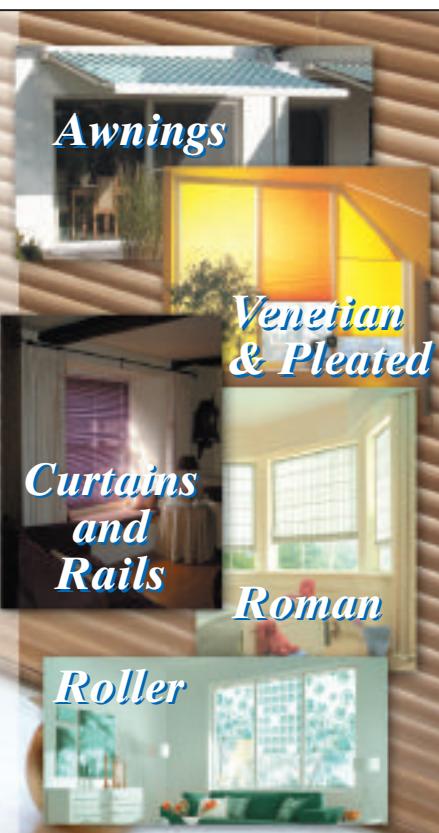
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After being excluded from pre-tour training for two weeks, she got back up to the optimum weight and was allowed to rejoin the company.

Part of the Evgenii Panfilov Russian State Ballet, the group was formed back in 1994. It is based in Russia's Ural mountains, the 2,500km-long region which also produced musical geniuses Tchaikovsky and Diaghilev.

Influential choreographer Panfilov wanted to help larger dance lovers challenge social boundaries and take their place on the stage, exploding the more established idea of what ballerinas should look like.

Originally he auditioned women weighing at least 12 stone, but as the company's popularity grew, competition for the coveted places became fierce. So he introduced a minimum weight of 17 stone and the 16 current dancers are weighed at their monthly medical checks.

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Organisers are convinced audiences will be stunned by the grace and nimbleness of these larger-bodied performers and it is hoped

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Performing with the Fighting Club Dance Company, The Big Ballet will produce a 'smashing cocktail' of hits and take the audience into a fantasy from the land of sultans, harems and luxurious palaces.

The performances start at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets cost £17.50/£16.50. Phone the box office on 01622 758611, or alternatively book online at [www.hazlitttheatre.co.uk](http://www.hazlitttheatre.co.uk).

The Big Ballet will also be at The Orchard Theatre in Dartford on Monday, April 28.

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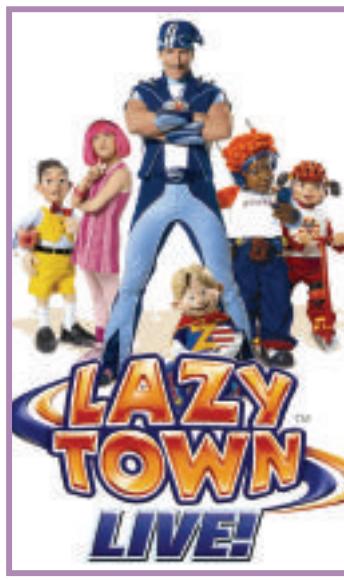
The award-winning children's programme has become a massive hit around the world and British children are among the first to see the stage version, fun and lively LazyTown Live!

Stephanie, an enthusiastic young girl with pink hair, comes to live in LazyTown and meets a host of zany characters. It is also home to the world's laziest super villain, Robbie Rotten, whose lazy schemes threaten to get the better of the townsfolk.

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## CANTERBURY LEISURE

### Organist to perform for club at Memorial Hall

EVERYONE is welcome to enjoy an evening of great music with the Herne Bay Organ and Keyboard Club.

Pete Shaw will be performing at the concert tonight, Wednesday, to be held at the Memorial Hall in Reculver Road, Beltinge. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £4 for non-members.

For more information about local organ and keyboard clubs, go online at [www.organfax.co.uk](http://www.organfax.co.uk).

### See the funny side of life with Andy Parsons

LEADING topical comedian, Andy Parsons, will be at the Gulbenkian Theatre on Thursday, April 10.

As a regular on radio and TV shows such as Mock The Week, QI and Parsons & Naylor, Parsons has become a popular and well-known satirical comic.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £13/£11. To book call 01227 769075 or see [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

### Great art exhibition is naturally worth a look

AN EXHIBITION with a natural theme will be on show in Whitstable next week.

Art in Progress is a collection of pottery, photography and restored furniture with a sea/nature theme, produced by a group based at Canterbury Day Opportunities Service. The exhibition will run in Gallery 2 at the Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre from Wednesday to Tuesday, April 16-22.

The gallery is open 9am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday, admission is free. For more details call 01227 281174 or see [www.horsebridge-centre.org.uk](http://www.horsebridge-centre.org.uk).

### Phil and his band bring funky jazz to venue

ORANGE Street Music Venue in Canterbury has a great night of cocktails and cabaret lined up tomorrow night, Thursday.

Phil Chaundy and his jazz funk band will be providing the entertainment, with plenty of good music and comedic elements. The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6/£4.

For more information visit the venue's website at [www.orangestreetmusic.com](http://www.orangestreetmusic.com). Find out more about the act online at [www.myspace.com/philchaundy](http://www.myspace.com/philchaundy).

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Prices start at just £25 for a pair of earrings and there are stockists in Tunbridge Wells, Cranbrook, Tenterden, Goudhurst and Rovenden. For more information visit [www.whitehume.co.uk](http://www.whitehume.co.uk).

### Try out a miracle cure to nourish your skin

GIVE tired skin a spring boost with the exciting new Moringa Bath & Body range from The Body Shop.

Often known as 'the miracle tree' for its nourishing health benefits, the oil of the Indian Moringa tree has been used to make perfume and moisturise skin since ancient times. The new range offers cleansing, moisturising and exfoliating products, priced from £2.50, all infused with the Moringa flower's wonderful fragrance.

Visit your local store or see [www.thebodyshop.co.uk](http://www.thebodyshop.co.uk).

### Treat yourself to one of Wonky Willie's bars

CHOCOHOLICS can get their hands on the ultimate treat when William Harcourt-Cooze brings his wares to Waitrose.

The star of Channel 4's Willie's Wonky Chocolate Factory fell in love with the chocolate of Venezuela 11 years ago and planted his own cacao trees in the country.

He now produces chocolate with 100 percent pure cacao on antique Spanish machinery at his small factory in Devon.

All three of his Venezuelan Black bars will be available at Waitrose, priced at £5.99 for 180g.

### Trainers are worth your weight in slimming

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### Tune into some great buys on the motorway

MOTORISTS can stock up on some good driving tunes when HMV opens its first motorway service station store.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW



RETURNED: Bianca (Patsy Palmer) and Ricky (Sid Owen) have returned to Albert Square

■ BY TOM BETTS

### EASTENDERS

BBC1, 8pm, Monday and Friday 7.30pm, Tuesday and Thursday

IT'S a tell-tale sign that a show is stuck for ideas and good characters when it brings back old or dead ones.

So it is with that in mind that I turn my quill to EastEnders, who have brought Ricky and Bianca back to the Walford bosom for a second assault on the public's senses.

When TV producers dig up the apparently deceased, or worse, make that offer of work call to Sid Owen, it's clear the barrel bottom is being scraped and that all other plotline avenues must have been exhausted.

Either that or they're lazy as hell.

Unlike Coronation Street, which can rely on the occasional bit of humour to keep things fresh, EastEnders lurches from one gloom-laden episode to the next, unable to come up with anything new or interesting to say.

Its comedic efforts, usually involving hapless mechanics Minty and Gary, pale in comparison to Corrie's and wouldn't raise a titter in a laughing gas factory, let alone lift the dreariness

(that has ruined many a family Christmas in Chez Betts) that besieges this programme like the Zulus at Rorke's Drift.

On the whole the soap hasn't been much cop since Arthur Fowler went bananas and stole the Christmas Club money or Dirty Den met his fate via a gun poking from a bunch of daffs down by the canal, only to re-emerge from a behind a yukka plant in the nightclub 15 years later (seriously, there's something about Leslie Grantham and foliage).

In a move that smacks of desperation just as much as Den's return, the ginger whinger and ever-dull Ricky have crawled back into Albert Square.

Of course, all anyone really wanted to hear was the famous screech of "Riiiiickahy" and once that not-so-high high point had been scaled it was only ever going one way: Downhill.

With a brood of street urchins trailing in their wake, the "Everybody's Talking About It" trailer invited us to "Meet The Jacksons." Hardly the most appetite-whetting of suggestions.

Take my advice and decline the invitation: beat yourself over the head with a rolling pin for 30 minutes each night. It's far less painful.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU may be talking at cross purposes with a friend or relative and although you pride yourself on being objective, it might be impossible to repress your emotions with this person. The kinder you are to yourself, the easier it will be to handle the challenges ahead.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 20)

ALL you want to do is escape from the world. Taking the phone off the hook isn't an option. You need to be on call for your nearest and dearest. Prepare for a challenging week ahead. Be good to yourself whenever you can. Small gestures will help you withstanding the pressure.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE eager to expand your horizons, but the opportunities just aren't coming. It's better to bide your time than take a risk. It's not enough to be passionate about a subject you need a level of expertise as well and while the road ahead may look daunting, it's worth taking.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU may be given a thankless task. In situations like these, you need to do the bare minimum and move on. Don't accept the job and then refuse to do it. If you're looking for work you may not get any responses to your inquiries this week, but forge forward anyway.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT seems like everybody is conspiring to stop you having a good time. Solitary pleasures may be the only form of relaxation you can find. Although the prospect of spending all this time alone may be challenging to a sociable soul like you, it may ultimately prove rewarding.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

### PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)

MONEY won't flow in as quickly as you'd like. It's probably best to cut back your spending. You can have just as much fun at home. If a friend asks to borrow money, refuse, and explain why. Pretending you are well off will only drive a wedge between you and a loved one.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

FRIENDS may not be very helpful. Try not to take their apparent indifference personally. This week is making heavy demands on everyone. Your challenge is in the social arena. Contrary to how it appears, you are loved and cherished. It just may not feel like it.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

IT may be difficult to reach your career goals. An authority figure could be blocking you. Instead of bashing your head against a brick wall, stay beneath the radar. Look for another job. For now, you've got to maintain the status quo. It's easier to get a job when you have one.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

RELATIONSHIPS could get a little strained and it won't be easy for you to act. Demands at home and work will keep you in check. Whenever you are called on to do extra work, take a deep breath and try to count your blessings. After all, it's better to be in demand than unwanted.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

### ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)

It feels like circumstances are conspiring against you. An attempt to look calm, cool, and sophisticated could spectacularly backfire. Resist the urge to change your style as a means to impress a prospective partner. Putting on an act will only lead to disillusionment.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS could be a week of emotional highs and lows. You're ready to make amends with a relative, but this person may not want to let go of their resentment. You've got to conserve your resources, even if a close associate is urging you to buy something expensive.

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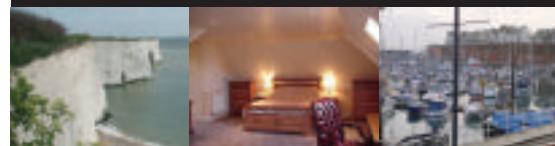
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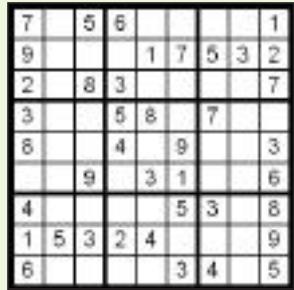
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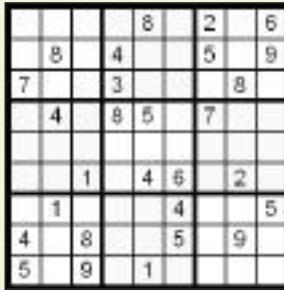
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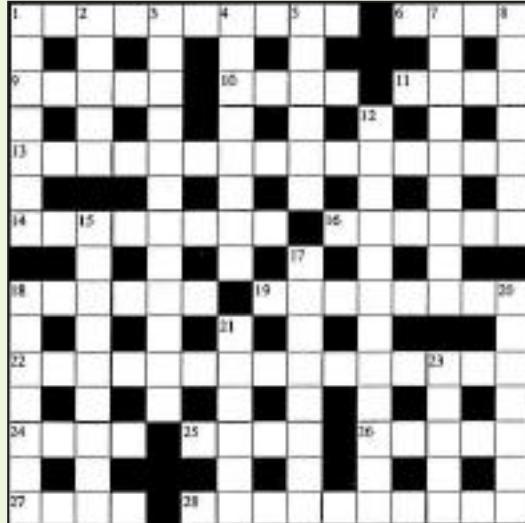
ACROSS

- 1 Rider's seat behind the hill (10)
- 6 Do not bid for permit (4)
- 9 In time Rita finds excellence (5)
- 10 & 11 Cheeky complaint? (4-4)
- 13 Afterthought about respect (15)
- 14 Support an objection intended to be heard (8)
- 16 Become inflexible or skeletal? (6)
- 18 Among the bees trying to find room (6)
- 19 Said to be an angry bloodsucker, a puzzle (8)
- 22 Look for the woman across the Channel (8,2,5)
- 24 Swear word? (4)
- 25 Capture Greek seaman (4)
- 26 A French chap to weaken (5)
- 27 Food out west (4)
- 28 Accept reel coming from the vessel (10)

DOWN

- 1 I am Sara coming from region of ancient Palestine (7)
- 2 The same again, endlessly affluent Greek style (5)
- 3 Not a dead language but Spanish or Portuguese is spoken in these countries (5,7)
- 4 Help second said mate (8)
- 5 Distinguishing mark that's a pain in court (6)
- 7 This vicar perplexed record-keeper (9)
- 8 In a strict way cunning bird was included (7)
- 12 Love-apple? (7,5)
- 15 Uncover posh unruly heathens (9)
- 17 Can be climbed over despite black state inside (8)
- 18 Circle having 600 debts? (7)
- 20 See clan in revolt during purge (7)
- 21 Edict from French Indian (6)
- 23 From Miami Michael took copy (5)

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### QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Disreputable member (5,5)
- 6 Offscourings (4)
- 9 Creep (5)
- 10 Stout cord (4)
- 11 Smoky fog (4)
- 13 Touch (4,4,7)
- 14 Intrude (8)
- 16 Foot swelling (6)
- 18 Collide (6)
- 19 Neckcloth (8)
- 22 One on the loose (7,8)
- 24 Stratford's river (4)
- 25 Courageous (4)
- 26 Musical form (5)

27 Moustache (colloq.) (4)

28 Insisted on (10)

DOWN

- 1 Two-wheeler (7)
- 2 Warning (5)
- 3 Optical toy (12)
- 4 Ships-biscuit (8)
- 5 Anticipate (6)
- 7 Bell-towers (9)
- 8 Magneto (anag.) (7)
- 12 Not prosperous (12)
- 15 Roomy (9)
- 17 Rose suddenly (6,2)
- 18 Not accurate (7)
- 20 Ward off (7)
- 21 Dexterous (6)
- 23 Darkness (5)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No30

EASY



MEDIUM



HARD



Answers to all of this week's quizzes can be found on our website

### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No30

ACROSS: 1 Dumas 4 Decrease 8 Burst into tears 10 Insigniate 11 Mower 12 Flex 13 Terrapin 17 Detoured 18 Beam 22 Cater 24 Dauntless 25 Freedom fighter 26 Fort Knox 27 Aural. DOWN: 1 Debrief 2 Mare's-nest 3 Siting 4 Dental 5 Closed 6 Evermore 7 Strew 9 Wren 14 Present 15 Nutrient 16 Send down 17 Duck 19 Mistral 20 Suffix 21 Stigma 23 Tors.

### QUICK SOLUTION No31

ACROSS: 1 Blaek sheep 6 Scum 9 Drawl 10 Jope 11 Shog 15 Come into contact 14 Eroded 16 Bunion 18 Impact 19 Kettle fit 20 Tread 21 Reheat 22 Reroll 23 Jiggle fit 24 Eroded 25 Alarm 3 Melodics 26 Heraldeek 27 Gape 28 Tish 29 Boid 30 Fugitive 31 Sputter 32 Aon 33 Bon 34 Fugitive 35 Impose 36 Gape 37 Reroll 38 Impose 39 Kettle fit 40 Tread 41 Eroded 42 Drawl 43 Blaek sheep 44 Drawl 45 Impose 46 Heraldeek 47 Gape 48 Tish 49 Boid 50 Fugitive 51 Sputter 52 Aon 53 Bon 54 Fugitive 55 Impose 56 Gape 57 Reroll 58 Impose 59 Kettle fit 60 Tread 61 Eroded 62 Drawl 63 Blaek sheep 64 Drawl 65 Fugitive 66 Sputter 67 Reroll 68 Impose 69 Kettle fit 70 Tread 71 Eroded 72 Drawl 73 Blaek sheep 74 Drawl 75 Fugitive 76 Sputter 77 Reroll 78 Impose 79 Kettle fit 80 Tread 81 Eroded 82 Drawl 83 Blaek sheep 84 Drawl 85 Fugitive 86 Sputter 87 Reroll 88 Impose 89 Kettle fit 90 Tread 91 Eroded 92 Drawl 93 Blaek sheep 94 Drawl 95 Fugitive 96 Sputter 97 Reroll 98 Impose 99 Kettle fit 100 Tread 101 Eroded 102 Drawl 103 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# Lounge on the Farm and hear great bands

BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE line-up for this year's Lounge on the Farm festival is taking shape, with seven more top acts adding their name to the bill.

Isle of Wight rockers The Bees are arguably the pick of the bunch, returning to the Merton Farm three-dayer after performing a rip-roaring set in The Cow Shed last year.

The Mercury Prize-nominated band, most famed for their summer smash hit A Minha Menina, will be joined by Lightspeed Champion, Findlay Brown, The Shortwave Set, The Bookhouse Boys and DJ slots by Cagedbaby and Filthy Dukes. The seven will be placed snugly in the festival's already bulging line-up, which boasts Art Brut, Black Kids, Holly Golightly and Billy Childish.

A Lounge spokesman promised further acts would be added to the bill in the coming weeks and said: "With some exciting further line up announcements to come, Lounge On The Farm gives local acts the opportunity to play alongside some genuine heavy hitters."

"Aside from the music, there will be plenty of amazing attractions including The Village Green that boasts specially brewed ciders and beers and mouth-watering food concessions where all the goods are sourced from within a 20-mile radius of the site."

"There will also be the Little Lounge and Red Tent to keep the younger crowd occupied and the School Of Rock that will be unearthing Kent's future stars."

The festival runs from Friday, July 11 to Sunday 13.

Early bird weekend tickets cost £65 for an



**SIGNED UP:** The Bees (above) and Lightspeed Champion are among the latest list of names set to play on the farm

adult, £35 for a child and £140 for a family, based on two adults and two children. Full weekend prices are set at £85 for adults, £40 for children and £180 for families. A day pass will cost an adult £35 and a child £20. Children under five go free.

For more information visit [www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk](http://www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk)

- The line-up so far: Lightspeed Champion, The Bees, Art Brut, Black Kids, Jon Carter, Dub Pistols Sound System, Sargasso Trio, Pete Molinari, Kevin Rowland (DJ Set) Aba Shanti Sound System, Sonny J, Kitty Daisy & Lewis, Holly Golightly & The Broke Offs, Underground Heroes, Guy Williams, Bones, Billy Childish, The Shortwave Set, Bookhouse Boy, Findlay Brown, The Filthy Dukes (DJ Set), Caged Baby (DJ Set).



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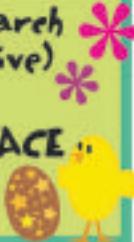
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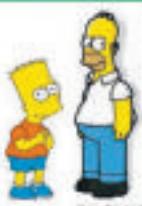


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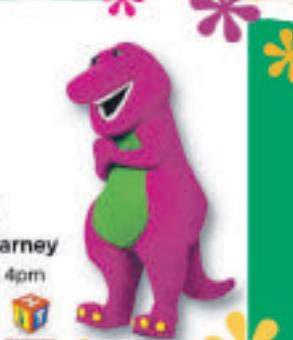
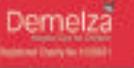
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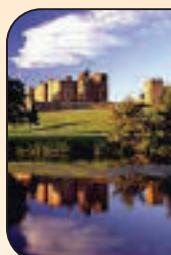
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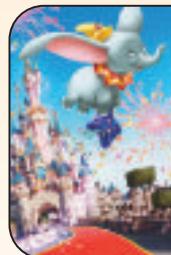
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## Enjoy Irish hospitality

■ BY SARAH EBNER

FOR some time I've had a hankering to take my family to Ireland, but somehow it never happened.

I imagined beautiful scenery, friendly people and a relaxed, peaceful, atmosphere, where my children could run around happily. Now I've finally been, reality didn't disappoint.

After an hour and a half flight, we arrived at Galway Airport and, having hired a car, immediately set off for Connemara. The drive was gorgeous, through beautiful rolling hills.

We drove to Renvyle, almost at the western tip of the country, and checked in at the Renvyle House Hotel. I know I'm at risk of gushing, but it was fabulous.

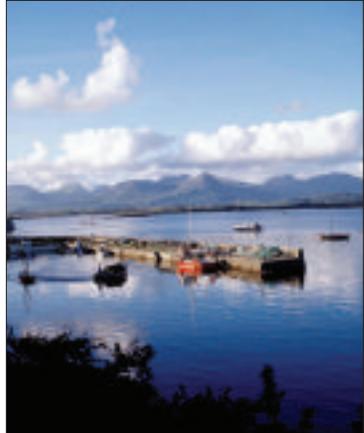
At Renvyle House, our accommodation was one of the new Island Suites. This meant my two children were together in one room, while my husband and I shared the other.

The hotel is spectacularly situated on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, right on a lovely pebble beach.

The hotel is well set-up for youngsters, with a playground and heated outdoor pool. As well as a nine-hole golf course, its own lake to fish in and beautiful surrounding woodlands.

Lovey as the hotel was, we couldn't spend all of our time there as there are so many other things to see and do in the west of Ireland.

One place we visited was the very pretty



BEAUTIFUL: Enjoy spectacular scenery in Ireland

town of Clifden. From there we took the appropriately named Sky Road (up onto the cliffs) which had stunning views. We also saw the monument to Alcock and Brown, the men who took the first transatlantic flight, and who landed right near the tip of Clifden.

Despite its name, the beach at Dogs Bay, near Roundstone, was so clean, fresh and pretty it was almost the stuff of dreams. While in

Roundstone itself we made sure we went to the workshop run by Malachy Kearns, better known as Malachy Bodhran among folk musicians because he makes Ireland's oldest product, the bodhran drum.

After three days in Renvyle, we weren't quite ready to leave (we hadn't even visited the Connemara National Park, which was just 10 minutes from our hotel), but we had to, as we were booked in for a stay in Galway City.

Galway City is buzzing at the moment. It's the fastest growing city in Ireland and incredibly busy. It's also a great place to visit, easy to walk around and with lots of shops, cafes and restaurants. Luckily there is (once again) lots to explore with children.

We visited the Galway Atlantiquaria, the national aquarium of Ireland, where my son was mesmerised by the fish. We also went to the City Limits Entertainment Centre in nearby Oranmore where the kids took advantage of the soft play area and slot machines.

Another gem was the Turoe Pet Farm and Leisure Park, around 20 minutes away by car and another excellent attraction for families.

Our base in Galway City was the Days Hotel, well located and once again family-friendly with a very good kids' club.

All in all, the west of Ireland was a great place for our family summer holiday. I would have been happy to have stayed longer and would love to go back one day.

The children were (and still are) incredibly enthusiastic about it, and as all parents will know, if the kids are happy, then you are too.

### FACT FILE: IRELAND

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Currency	Euro (1.26 to £1 approx)
Religion	Catholic
Climate	Mild
Language	English

### Holiday details

Sarah Ebner and family were guests of Tourism Ireland and stayed at the Renvyle House Hotel in an Island Suite. In high season, suites cost £225 per night, B&B, plus £30 for dinner, and £10 for child's supper. Single, double and family rooms are available.

In February, five nights B&B with four dinners starts around £235.

Renvyle reservations: 00 353 95 43511 or see [www.renvyle.com](http://www.renvyle.com)

At Days Hotel, Galway, dinner and B&B costs around £75 per person per night, with 3-15-year-olds paying an extra £25 per night, including access to Kids Club.

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What will it sound like when you die? In One Missed Call, chains of people receive terrifying cell phone messages of their own final fatal moments.

Though the messages can be deleted, their number is up. Beth Raymond (Shannyn Sossamon) is traumatised when she witnesses the gruesome deaths of two friends just days apart.

# Farmer Hayden has a dilemma

■ BY KATE WHITING

HAYDEN Christensen is shaking off the Star Wars label and emerging as one of Hollywood's hottest actors, with lead roles this year in Jumper and Awake. But away from the big screen he's adapting to a rather different role – as a farmer.

Whilst most movie stars tend to go for flash sports cars and luxury pads on the beach, Canadian-born Hayden, 26, invested in a farm last year complete with pigs.

"I tried to spend most of my past summer there," he says. "I've got these two miniature pot-bellied pigs."

But the harsh realities of farming could prove difficult – he admits he's struggling to even eat meat.

"It's a big dilemma for me right now. I'm not a vegetarian and I like my meat but having these pigs is definitely starting to mess with my head. I had my family over yesterday and so I went up to the market to buy food and usually I would buy pork ribs. I had this whole thing at the counter as to whether or not I should get them. I didn't get them."

When he's not on the farm, Hayden is out globetrotting, admitting he's spent lots of time in the Bahamas and London. But for his latest film, Awake, he returned to New York, where he'd studied at the Actors Studio.

The thriller sees his character undergo a heart transplant just hours after marrying his fiance, played by Jessica Alba.

But as his character Clayton Beresford slips under the anaesthetic, he realises he can still hear and see everything but is unable to move – a real-life medical phenomenon known as 'anaesthetic awareness'.

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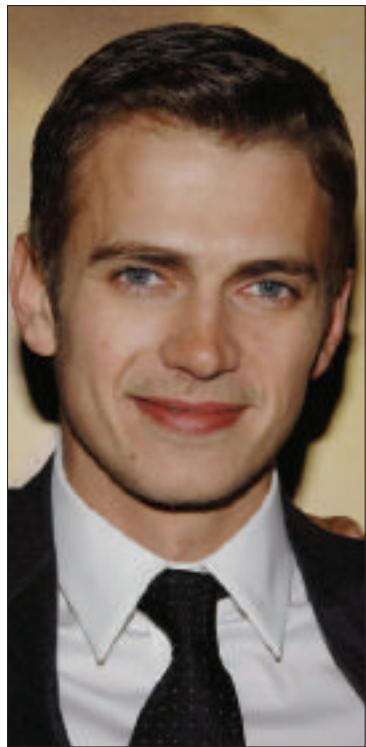


straightjacket, Clay can feel the surgery and hears secret conversations, which make him realise he's never meant to wake up.

"It was a really scary premise," admits Hayden. "But there was a little over a week of filming where I had to be lying down on an operating table, completely dormant and that got very boring."

"I wasn't actually lying on top of the table, that was a prosthetic body, but my head was what it was attached to. I was in this contraption that they had built that looked like an operating table, so my body was really contorted underneath."

Hayden's character Clayton had a seemingly charmed life, with a doting mother, a beautiful fiance Sam and a cardiologist (Terence Howard) as a best friend. But he also has a deadly heart condition – and can't tell his mum (Lena Olin) about his fiance because Sam works for her.



OUTDOORS: Hayden Christensen has bought a farm

He finally confesses their relationship and is shocked when his mum offers to pay Sam to 'go away'. In haste he betrays his mum and marries Sam.

But while he's under the anaesthetic, he hears things that suggest he might have put his trust in the wrong person. It's a complex and emotional plot – a world away from lightsabres and Jedi mind-tricks.

He's also signed up to appear alongside William Hurt and Willem Dafoe in World War II drama Beast Of Bataan.

After a stint treading the boards in London before his Star Wars fame, Hayden says he would love to return to the West End.

"I really like London and I really liked my experience when I was there, so I would love to do it again."

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## BIRTHS

### BRIDGES

Cerys Louise Patricia born on 28th March 2008, weighing 10lb 2oz. Daughter to Caroline and Andrew in Ramsgate. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

### BROWN

Anthony and Caroline Brown would like to announce the arrival of Austin Daniel Brown on 22nd March 2008, weighing 7lb 11oz.

### CANSICK

Ruby-Maria Elizabeth Cansick born on 28th March 2008, weighing 7lb 10oz. Daughter to Sonni Histed and Lianne Cansick in Maidstone.

### CHURCH

Richard and Amy are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their handsome son Richard Alexander, who was born at 7.53pm on 17th March 2008 and weighed 9lb 9oz.

### DADD

To Bernie and Emma of Whitstable, a beautiful son, Michael Lincoln Dadd, born on 11th March 2008. A new baby brother for Rosa and Amy.

### DENBY

Tim and Jo of Broadstairs celebrate the birth of their son Jacob Evan on 18th March 2008.

### FERGUSON

Phil and Julie of Elvington are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Cailie May, on 18th March 2008. A new baby sister for Courtney.

### FLETCHER

Daniel Riki John Fletcher born on 15th March 2008, weighing 6lbs 14oz. Son to Fletch and Nikki.

### GILL

Leon Bailey Gill, born 25th March 2008 weighing 7lb 14oz. Son to Paul and Amanda.

### GOWER

Zara Jasmine born on 16th March 2008 weighing 8lb 8oz. Daughter to Lee Gower in Maidstone.

### HALES

Jude Leslie Hales born on 20th March 2008, weighing 6lb 11.5oz. Son to Leslie Hales and Ruth Moore in Maidstone.

### HOVELL

Chris and Shona would like to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Shanna Maggie-Lou who was born at 7pm on the 26th March 2008 and weighed 6lb 11oz. Her parents are absolutely delighted and would like to thank all family and friends for their gifts and help.

### JORDAN

Gareth Kelly and Tracey Jordan are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Jazmin, born on 24th February 2008, weighing 7lb.

### KARAPINAR

To Emin and Clare of Canterbury, a beautiful son, Cengiz Efe Karapinar, born on 15th March 2008.

### LANCASTER

To Adam and Janine of Deal, a beautiful daughter, Lilian Alice, born on 2nd March 2008. A new baby sister for Elizabeth and Abbie.

### FALL

Rebecca and Martin are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Layla Louise Fall on the 4.3.08. A little sister for Amelia.

### McKENZIE

Chloe Jade McKenzie born on 18th March 2008, weighing 8lb 8oz. Daughter to Steven and Kelly and Sister to Leah and Eleisha.

### MITCHELL

Elise Faye Mitchell, born 19th March 2008 weighing 7lb 1oz. Daughter to Lee Mitchell and Naomi Croucher.

### NELDER-SANTOS

To Mary ( of Herne Bay) and Bruno ( of Grays) a beautiful daughter, Sky Nelder-Santos, born on 17th March 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz.

### ONEILL

Shane and Michelle of Ashford celebrate the birth of their son Connor O'Neill, born on 20th March 2008, weighing 9lb 4oz. A brother for Callum O'Neill.

### PETERSON-PEARCE

Mat and Mandy are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Amelie Linda, who was born at 00.31 am on the 19th March 2008 and weighed 7lb 1oz.

### LISA FAITH

Amelie is a baby sister to Madeline Christina. Eva Patricia Dixon aged 89 years passed away at home on the 25th March 2008. Cremation at Eltham Crematorium on the 11th April 2008 at 1.45pm. Donations to Eleanor Hospice.

### RIDING

Chris and Sam of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Jasmine Louise, on 18th March 2008. Jasmine weighed 7lb 2oz.

### SCHAFER

Jenson Brian James born on the 23rd March 2008, weighing 5lb 5oz. Son to Matthew and Ellen.

### SKINNER

Andy and Jackie from Gravesend are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Caitlin Jane Skinner born on 20th February 2008 weighing 6lb 3oz. A sister to Callum.

### TEMEL

Oliver and Emily of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Lilia Faith, on 22nd March 2008.

### TENNIS

Tia Brenna born on the 23rd March 2008, weighing 6lb 4oz. Daughter to Jason and Lisa of Folkestone.

### WITHEY

Nick and Fiona of Deal are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Alice, on 25th February 2008. A new baby sister for Harry and Emily.

### WOKES

Jane Martin Owen and Ethan are proud to announce the birth of Aidan Joseph born on the 6th March 2008 weighing 9lb 10oz. What a beautiful baby you are.

### WOODCOCK

David and Elizabeth celebrate the birth of their son achilles Woodcock on 23rd February 2008.

### QUAIF-DAVIS

David and Amanda are delighted to announce the arrival of Lily Grace on March 1st 2008 weighing 5lb.

### RICKARD

Keith and Jane are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Cerys Jessie Hamblet at home on 24th March 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz.

### WRIGHT

Stephen born 21st March 08 weighing 8lb 8oz. Son to Chris and Gemma.

### RAMSAY

Ramsay born at 4pm on 24th March 2008 at Whitstable Crematorium.

### DEATHS

#### BAILIE

James Joseph, aged 65, passed away at the William Harvey Hospital on 28th March 2008, after a short illness. Immediate family only for the funeral. Dearly missed by his two daughters Carmel and Theresa.

#### BELL

Arthur William passed peacefully away on 21st March 2008 at Maidstone Hospital aged 78 years.

Cremation on 9th April, Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 12.30 all welcome, family flowers only, donations to Kent Air Ambulance via Boarmans of Tonbridge.

#### DIXON

Eva Patricia Dixon aged 89 years passed away at home on the 25th March 2008. Cremation at Eltham Crematorium on the 11th April 2008 at 1.45pm. Donations to Eleanor Hospice.

#### DOWNES

Joseph Michael Downes of Sittingbourne passed away on 28th March 2008, aged 92. Enquiries to R. High and Sons Funeral Directors, 01795 472958. Funeral service to be held at Borden Parish Church on 15th April 2008 at 11 o'clock.

#### DRUDGE

Edward (Ted) passed away peacefully at the Kent and Sussex Hospital on 28th March 2008. Loving Husband, Daddy, Grandad and Great-Grandad X.

#### DYE

Arthur Lindon Dye of Canterbury passed away suddenly on 20th March 2008. Leaving behind his daughters Carla and Zoe and his grandson Robert. He will be very sadly missed. The funeral will be held on 11 March 2008, contact Kemps of Whitstable for further information.

### GILBERT

Joan Alice Gilbert of Maidstone passed away on 27th March 2008. Enquiries to Doves Funerals, Maidstone 01622 688662.

### GOODHEW

Ivan William Sydney Goodhew of Maidstone passed away on 28th March 2008. Enquiries to Doves Funerals, Maidstone 01622 688662.

### JEDROSZYK

Kathleen Jedroszyk, nee Muschett, died peacefully on 25th March 2008, aged 91. Mizpah.

### HARVEY

Maurice Henry Harvey of Herne Bay passed away peacefully after a long illness, on 21st March 2008. Beloved husband of Joan and a loving dad and granddad, he will be very sadly missed by all who knew him.

### HEAD

Georgina Elizabeth Head of St Georges Court, Wrotham, passed away at home on 25th March 2008 aged 82 years. With special thanks to Dr Richard Gale at Pembury and Kent and Sussex Hospitals for all their care and concern over the years. She will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Rest in peace dear Mum, lovely Nanny Jean.

### HEDPEN

Hedpen Frederick. Beloved Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Born in Burwash, East Sussex on 1st May 1909, died peacefully in the Kent and Sussex Hospital on 28th March 2008. Loving Husband, Daddy, Grandad and Great-Grandad X.

### DYKE

Ronald passed away on 25 March 2008 in Kent and Canterbury Hospital. He will be missed by his family and friends. The funeral will be held on 11 March 2008, contact Kemps of Whitstable for further information.

### HIGGINS

Ronald passed away on 25 March 2008 in Kent and Canterbury Hospital. He will be missed by his family and friends. The funeral will be held on 11 March 2008, contact Kemps of Whitstable for further information.

### WEPPEN

Robert John beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and friend to many. Passed away on 29th March 2008, after a long illness. Will be missed by everybody who Knew and loved him. Enquires to Abbey Funeral services 01732 360328.

### PLUCKROSE

The family wish to thank people for the flowers and kind wishes following the funeral of Dennis Alfred Pluckrose, who died on 14th March 2008, aged 82. A special thanks to Geoff Luckman and Mr Firmer and his staff.

### Pritchard

Edith Mary Pritchard of Maidstone passed away on 29th March 2008, aged 90. Enquiries to Viner and Sons Funeral Directors, West Malling 01732 842485.

### SHORTER

Cissie Shorter of Maidstone, formally of Yalding, passed away peacefully after a short illness on 24th March 2008, aged 98 years.

### STOCKMAN

Rocky (Brian Turner Stockman) sadly passed away peacefully in hospital on 21st March 2008, aged 93. Greatly loved father of Gillian, grandfather of Martyn and Russell and Great grandfather of Joshua Kemp. Much admired by all. Former Invicta Motors employee. The funeral took place at Barham Crematorium on Friday April 4th. Donations if desired to The National Childrens Home c/o CW Lyons and Son 01227 463508.

### STONESTREET

Marguerita Violet Stonestreet, of Lenham, passed away after a long illness on 30th March 2008 at The William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. Funeral service at St John The Baptist Harrietsham at 2pm on 16th April.

### WEBB

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Development aims to recreate charm

FERNDALE is the name of a new housing development in the heart of the Garden of England.

In the village of East Peckham, near Paddock Wood, the development aims to recreate the rural, rustic charm of bygone days.

It includes four detached houses, each with four bedrooms, five two-bedroom cottages and two two-bedroom bungalows.

The cottages and bungalows all surround a courtyard, while the larger houses are at the front of the whole development.

It is the work of developer Da Vinci Properties, of Maidstone, which states its aim is to "bring maximum ease and convenience to a hectic 21st-century lifestyle".

The company also emphasises local attractions, including access to London, the River Medway and the nearby towns of Maidstone and Tonbridge.

"A beautiful, well-appointed home at Ferndale will provide not only the quality of life you seek, but also the time in which to enjoy this historic and attractive area," said a spokesman for the developer.

### Bill would open up coastal 'corridor'

SEASIDE property owners could see their privacy disrupted if plans to open every stretch of the coastline to walkers and ramblers are given the go-ahead.

At present, private property on the seafront is protected and rights of way usually avoid gardens and other land in the possession of homeowners.

Other areas are just completely off-limits to those who do not own the land.

But provisions within the Marine Bill – soon to be discussed by Parliament – are expected to call for the formation of a 'corridor' giving the public access to the whole of the coast.

This would open up previously inaccessible areas – including land in private hands.

Supporters of the move say it is necessary as access to the seafront should be available to all.

But opponents claim the quality of life and the privacy of many people who own homes and land along the coast would be severely affected.



**INVESTMENT:** Landlords have seen good returns from their rental properties so far this year, with nine out of 10 insisting that they have no intention of selling them

# Properties are let to spring good returns

INVESTORS who buy property to re-let it have seen increases in their returns during the first quarter of 2008, according to recent studies which point to demand from immigrants as a significant factor.

The average return on an investment is 21.7 per cent, up 0.27 per cent and flats also show a marginally higher return than houses.

An investigation into the trend in this form of property was carried out in the first two months of the year by members of the Association of Residential Letting Agents.

This body regulates the buying and selling of property to let and also acts as an industry watchdog.

The survey states that, given this increase in

■ BY NICK AMES

immigrant demand and domestic demographic trends, nine out of 10 investment landlords continue to state that they have no intention of selling their investment properties should house prices fall.

And 46 per cent of all investment landlords report their intention to buy further property during the next 12 months – the average life expectancy of their investments remains unchanged at close on 17 years.

However, irrespective of house prices, 18 per cent of landlords will sell some or all of their property investments during the coming year.

The quarterly ARLA Review and Index, the largest survey of its kind, is carried out with the support of the ARLA Group of Buy to Let Mortgage Lenders: Bank of Ireland Mort-

gages, Cheltenham & Gloucester, GMAC-RFC, Mortgage Express, NatWest and Paragon Mortgages.

ARLA operations manager Ian Potter said: "There can be no doubt from these figures that buy-to-let landlords are well aware of the opportunities but behave with caution."

"In fact, caution has been the watchword in the buy-to-let market since its inception. Buy-to-let remains the sustainable option for housing."

The average portfolio contains just under seven properties, although half of all respondents only hold one or two properties.

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- Conservation Area
- Off Street Parking



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- Internal Works Required For Modernisation



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- Fully Refurbished
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- Sought After Location
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**WHITSTABLE OFFICE** FWP02283

- 3 Bed Terraced House
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- Quiet Cul-De-Sac Location



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**HERNE BAY OFFICE** **FHP02629**

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- Beautiful Victorian Property
- Original Features Throughout



**WHITSTABLE** **£199,995**

**WHITSTABLE OFFICE** **FWP02013**

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- Situated other Two Floors
- Open plan living room & Kitchen
- Kitchen with white goods

**CANTERBURY** **£750pcm**

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Built in wardrobes
- Light & bright Living/dining room
- Modern fitted Kitchen

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- Family Bathroom

**CANTERBURY** **£850pcm**

- Three bedrooms
- Large living room
- Modern Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory

**CANTERBURY** **£750pcm**

- One Large Double Bedroom
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- Modern fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom with shower & bath

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- Two Bedrooms
- Master bedroom with en suite
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- Kitchen with white Goods

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- Gardens, Off Road Parking

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- Gardens, Garage

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- Cloakroom, Utility Room
- Garage, Off Road Parking

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- 3-4 Bedroom Detached House
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- En-suite To Master Bedroom
- Gardens, Garage

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- Three Bedroom Detached House
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## STUD HILL, HERNE BAY £138,000

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## CENTRAL, HERNE BAY £185,000

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## Cherry Orchard, Whitstable £595,000

Substantial detached family house in quiet residential location currently running as an 4star B&B.

- Six Bedrooms
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Off Street Parking



## King Edward Street, Whitstable £230,000

Victorian cottage with many original features, in the heart of the conservation area. Close to the high street, and a short walk to the sea front, restaurants and harbour.

- The Property Is In Immaculate Order Throughout
- Secured Rear Garden, Early Viewing Is Highly Recommended



## Cromwell Road, Whitstable £350,000

Large three bedroom Victorian house in central location.

- Retains Many Original Features, Including Fireplaces & Sash Windows
- Secluded Garden
- Double Garage And Parking



## Bishopstone Drive, Herne Bay £225,000

Semi-detached bungalow in the quiet residential area of Bishopstone.

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A pretty Grade II listed semi-detached period cottage with a wealth of period features set in a rural location. Extensive gardens of approximately 1.4 ACRES with a useful range of outbuildings to include two garages, timber cabin for guest accommodation, summerhouse, double car port. Internal viewing is highly recommended

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A Grade II listed period cottage in the heart of the village with sitting room, kitchen/dining room, garden room with vaulted ceiling. Five bedrooms, master with en-suite, study and family bathroom. Delightful mature garden.

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An interesting, modern detached house. Entrance hallway, utility room, cloakroom, fitted kitchen/dining room, sitting room, three bedrooms, master with adjoining bathroom and shower room, and family bathroom. Integral garage, driveway providing parking for three cars. Gardens to the front and rear.

£348,000



SANDWICH

An end of terrace family house being within walking distance of the town centre. Entrance hallway, kitchen, sitting/dining room, cloakroom, four bedrooms and shower room on the first floor. Garage and parking, and gardens to front and rear.

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A detached period cottage having been sympathetically and tastefully renovated. Sitting room, kitchen/dining room, two bedrooms and bathroom. Enclosed garden to the side and rear.

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Peugeot offering you the 'Drive of your life'

PEUGEOT dealers launch a 10-day 'Drive Away a Great Deal' event tomorrow, with the chance to win a VIP weekend at the renowned Le Mans 24-Hour Race, where Peugeot will race its stunning new 908 diesel supercar.

Every customer taking a test drive in a new Peugeot from 10-20 April can enter this competition, with the frugal 107 city car, 207 supermini and spacious new 308 family hatchback likely to be the frontrunners.

On the other hand, much interest is expected in the successor to the legendary 205 GTi – the ferocious 207 GTi THP 175 (pictured above) – and the chic 207 CC (Coupé Cabriolet).



### Honda Civic Type-R is voted the No1 hot hatch

HONDA'S 'space shuttle' Civic Type-R is the nation's favourite three-door hot hatchback.

Since lift-off a year ago, 5,192 buyers have opted for this sleek sporting model, against 4,778 equivalent Ford Focus STs and 1,984 VW Golf GTIs.

Honda is only too happy to trumpet the car's success, boosted by slick styling and features like the arrowhead door handles, triangular exhausts and starship dashboard.

For our online report on the Type-R – see 'Star Drive' on Motors TV at [www.carsforkent.co.uk](http://www.carsforkent.co.uk) or via 'cars and transport' at [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).



### Land Rover Freelander is a real tax beater

LAND Rover says persistent customer demand inspired production of a commercial derivative of its award-winning Freelander 2 (from £20,775) to benefit from being VAT and company car tax exempt.

The award-winning 4x4 is now available in two trim levels minus rear seats and side airbags and plus a full-height solid bulkhead with mesh panel, floor support frame, floor panel with lashing points, fixed rear side glass, rubber load mat, tail door and side window guards and rear cargo lighting.



**DIVIDED OPINION:** The Volvo C30 Coupé has distinct styling, solid build, great engines, and is value for money, but it would seem even all this is not enough to make it a runaway success

## New Volvo coupé's split personality splits vote

### ROAD TEST

#### VOLVO C30 COUPE

■ BY STEVE LOADER

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

The sensible choice is the 2.0-litre diesel we tested just after the car's rather protracted launch last year – it has power plus economy – but the 'halo model' is the performance star T5 (£24,495) tested here.

It uses a turbocharged five-cylinder 227bhp 2.5-litre Volvo unit that, much to the irritation of Volvo dealers, has been lauded more for being in the Ford Focus ST hot hatch, though Volvo's parent did donate the excellent Focus platform to the C30 in return.

The combination is impressive: the C30 T5 sprints to 60mph in 6.2 seconds, features a crisp six-speed 'box, pin-sharp steering, excellent grip and the ability to devour rural miles, cruise with refinement on the motorway and be a joy around town.

Of course, fuel consumption suffers if you exploit the performance, but I cannot think of another coupé that drives as well and possesses some hatchback versatility.

Interior quality is impressive, but the boot is smaller than obvious sports hatch rivals and has a fiddly load cover and just two rear seats, though these offer better comfort and legroom than many rival coupés.

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### ALTERNATIVE HATCHBACKS

IN a market sector where products are increasingly and boringly similar in styling and packaging, some manufacturers have been creating highly individual interpretations of the family hatchback or Ford Focus composition. Two of our choices here are affordable yet potentially fiery options too – depending on engine choice – while the third is a pricier premium/executive choice within a modest-size frame. They also come from different countries, but what all three do have in common is the ability to turn heads and be a talking point even when they are used buys.

#### SEAT LEON



SEAT didn't do much wrong with styling the original Leon, but its replacement is a stunner intended to look like a coupe. Both generations look racy though – in keeping with Seat's brief to be the affordable sporting brand within the Volkswagen group stable – and have a good range of petrol and diesel engines that mostly deliver on that front too. In addition, Leons have VW Golf underpinnings so they are durable yet far more affordable than their donor car.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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#### AUDI A3



NOW into its second generation, the 'premium cum practical' Audi A3 hatchback opened up a whole new market to Audi, as well as recruiting new customers who have since traded up to bigger models. Sometimes derided as a re-badged VW Golf, the brand four-rings on the radiator grille still brings cachet – at a price though even on the used market. All models drive well but there are some excellent performance Quattro models, as well as powerful and long-lived diesels.

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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- TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS, AVIATION

**Senior & General Appointments** 52-58

KCA (UK) is an expanding and vibrant organisation providing a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services. Founded in 1975 and currently employing over 300 paid and unpaid staff, it has an annual budget of £11 million and is becoming established as one of the leading service providers in the South East Region.

Operating in the drug & alcohol and mental health sectors, KCA (UK) provides a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services for adults and young people.

## REF: 473 - YOUNG PERSONS' DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES WORKER - CANTERBURY

**FIXED TERM CONTRACT FOR 1 YEAR**  
**Salary £21,412-£25,320 (NJC Scale 26-31) - 37 hours**  
**Plus Essential Car User Allowance**

This post will involve one to one work with young drug and alcohol users (from age 11-17) experiencing complex difficulties including mental health problems, child protection concerns, those receiving substitute prescribing, homelessness, involvement in offending and chaotic substance use. This post will cover the East Kent area.

We are looking for someone with good substance misuse knowledge, excellent communication skills, casework skills, and proven experience of working effectively with young drug and alcohol users.

For an application form please contact: KCA Head Office, Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT  
 Tel: 01795 590635, Fax: 01795 539351  
 email: [recruitment@kca.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kca.org.uk) website: [www.kca.org.uk](http://www.kca.org.uk)

**Closing Date:** 18 April 2008  
**Interview Date:** 29 April 2008

KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse.

Charity No: 292824



## Assistant Manager New Enterprise Coaches

New Enterprise Coaches is part of Arriva Southern Counties which has a fleet of 650 vehicles and employs some 1800 staff in serving customers in the Essex, Sussex, Surrey and Kent areas.

New Enterprise Coaches operates private hires, excursions, London Express and tendered bus work and has been successful in winning a new easyBus contract, for an initial 3 year period, in providing a mini coach service between Gatwick - London.

Owing to this expansion and the necessity to closely manage our diverse and developing operations from both the Tonbridge and Gatwick site, a new opportunity has arisen for the post of Assistant Manager.

Reporting to the General Manager, the successful candidate will ideally hold a PCV licence and be able to demonstrate clear experience in delivering a quality service in a cost effective manner. A thorough understanding of driver's hours rules, along with a sound knowledge of the local private hire and contract market, is desirable.

Other key responsibilities in this new role will include:

- Liaising with the management team of easyBus and other key customers
- Managing and motivating drivers at both sites to provide reliable, high quality services
- Planning driver coverage
- Driver recruitment and discipline
- Developing private hire business and excursion/tour programmes
- Assisting with mileage recording, tachograph records, pay records and other administration
- Deputising for the General Manager as necessary

This demanding and exciting new role will offer the successful applicant:

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If you are interested in applying for this challenging role then please forward your CV along with a covering letter to: Heath Williams, Managing Director, Arriva Southern Counties, Invicta House, Armstrong Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6TX or by e-mail at [williams.hc@arriva.co.uk](mailto:williams.hc@arriva.co.uk)

**Closing date for applications is Monday 14th April 2008.**

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## Make a difference. Foster carers wanted for dynamic new service

The Caldecott Foundation is launching a new fostering service in response to requests from numerous local authorities.

The service is part of a multidisciplinary framework which offers support and training from the Foundation's existing range of professional services including the Caldecott School, therapy centre, psychology service and learning and development centre.

You will receive a comprehensive package of support and training reflecting the demands of the role you will undertake, and very competitive rates of pay.



[www.caldecottfoundation.co.uk](http://www.caldecottfoundation.co.uk)

The Caldecott Foundation Helping children build a future.

Reg. charity no. 307889

Operating in the drug & alcohol and mental health sectors, KCA (UK) provides a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services for adults and young people.

## REF: 478 - FINANCIAL CONTROLLER Salary £34,991- £42,681 (SCP 43-52) - Pay Award Pending Faversham - 37 Hours

If you are an ambitious financial manager who would relish the growth of responsibility and opportunities for professional development that will arise within an expanding organisation over the coming years, this role could be just what you're looking for.

The key aspects of your work will be to:

- Provide information, analysis and support to the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive on all matters related to the effective financial operations of the organisation.
- Assist the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive in developing, implementing and monitoring systems that ensure effective financial control of the organisation.
- Be responsible for all aspects of the Statutory Accounts
- Perform regular internal financial audits.
- Prepare end of year accounts in accordance with SORPS requirements currently in place

You will also provide cover for the Deputy Chief Executive when required, meaning that you'll gain a comprehensive understanding of the organisation and be able to make a full contribution to its future progress.

To be considered for this role you should have a formal accounting qualification, solid experience of accounting procedures/double entry book-keeping and computerised accounting systems. Experience within the voluntary sector would be advantageous.

For an application form contact: KCA (UK), 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351

Email: [recruitment@kca.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kca.org.uk) [www.kca.org.uk](http://www.kca.org.uk)

**Closing date:** 21st April 2008

**Interview date:** 29th April 2008

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## PARTS ASSISTANT

Baileys Nissan require a Parts Assistant for busy parts department. Parts experience is essential. Nissan knowledge an advantage. Clean driving license required.

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For more information, Job Description and application form, please telephone the School's Personnel Department on 01227 595655 (24 hour answerphone).

**Closing date for receipt of completed application forms:** 23rd April 2008

The King's School, Canterbury is an Educational Charity – Registration No. 307942



## BOX OFFICE SUPERVISOR

The dynamic Theatre Royal Margate is seeking a well-organised, friendly person with excellent interpersonal skills and box office experience, to join its core team. We need a Box Office Supervisor to deliver an excellent service to our audiences and provide marketing/front of house support.

**This is a varied and challenging full-time position, inc. some evenings and weekend work.**

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Closing Date 13th April

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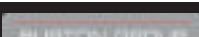
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An exceptional opportunity has arisen with a long established joinery company based near Faversham, Kent, for a Workshop Manager. The ideal candidate for this position must be able to produce high quality bespoke furniture, cabinetry and joinery and will have effective motivation, people management and organisational skills.

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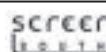
### HILDERSTONE COLLEGE BROADSTAIRS

### Learning Resources Organiser

Hilderstone runs quality English language courses for overseas students. A vacancy exists from 16 June for someone to supervise the College Self-Access Learning Centre.

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Details/application form can be downloaded from the College website: [www.hilderstone.ac.uk/site/vacancies](http://www.hilderstone.ac.uk/site/vacancies) and sent to Recruitment, Hilderstone College, St Peters Road, Broadstairs CT10 2JW (allison@hilderstone.ac.uk) by 11th April 2008.



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The Wedge, 75-81 Tontine Street, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1JR

T: 01303 259 777 F: 01303 259 786

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Interviews to be held on: 28 April 2008

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The ability to work well under pressure is essential as are excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills.

Further details are available on our web site: [www.spiressacademy.com](http://www.spiressacademy.com) To apply for this position please forward a letter of application together with a CV by email to: [m.wigington@spiressacademy.com](mailto:m.wigington@spiressacademy.com)

Closing date: Friday 11th April 2008 at noon

Interview date: Monday 21st April 2008



Ashford Leisure Trust is looking for highly self-motivated, enthusiastic people to join our team, who can make positive contributions to the operation of two of our sites and their futures by providing outstanding facilities and services to the Borough of Ashford and surrounding areas.

### Full Time Stadium Manager - Julie Rose Stadium - Salary up to £26,044

You will ideally have a keen interest in sport coupled with excellent business skills. Outstanding interpersonal and leadership skills are essential as is the ability to support and motivate staff to meet business objectives. You need to be results driven with exceptionally high standards in service delivery.

You will be responsible for controlling the budget and developing the business further, in particular conferences and functions. You need to enjoy working in a dynamic team environment and have a positive flexible attitude. Hours are 37 per week and will include evenings and weekends.

### Full Time Fitness Instructors - Julie Rose Stadium and Stour Centre - Salary up to £12,974

The ideal candidate will hold a Fitness Instructors qualification. Responsibilities include carrying out new member inductions, fitness assessments and programming, membership sales and some reception duties. Hours are up to 37 per week and include evenings and weekends.

### Part Time Bookings Officer - Stour Centre - Hourly Rate up to £7.47

You will have a minimum of Maths & English at GCSE level or equivalent and be competent in the use of Microsoft packages including Word and Excel. You will be dealing directly with customers in relation to both contract and special bookings ensuring ALT booking regulations and conditions of hire are adhered to at all times.

You will administer the invoice payment and sundry debtor systems therefore knowledge of Sage would be beneficial. Full training will be given.

Hours are 2 days per week from 9am to 5pm.

### Casual Customer Service Advisors - Stour Centre - Hourly Rate £5.94

You will have a minimum of Maths & English at GCSE level or equivalent and have good computer skills. Responsibilities will include customer liaison, answering the telephone, cash handling, bookings, sales and presentation.

You must enjoy working with the public, have exceptional customer service skills and be able to work under pressure in a busy environment. Experience in a similar role is desirable.

### Part Time Housekeepers - Stour Centre - Hourly Rate up to £6.54

Candidates should have good health and safety knowledge, be familiar with COSHH regulations and have worked within the cleaning industry. The hours are varied and will include evenings and weekends.

### For an informal discussion please contact the Stour Centre office on 01233 667121 and ask for Kirsty Ferguson.

Alternatively, you can download an application form from the current vacancies page of our website [www.stourcentre.co.uk](http://www.stourcentre.co.uk)

Closing date: Friday 25th April 2008.

With campuses in Ashford, Folkestone and Dover, South Kent College offers a wide-range of courses from Entry Level to Level 7 and caters for over 15,000 students of all ages. As a Further and Higher Education College, we are the largest education institution in Kent. We currently have the following vacancies:

### KCC Tutor - Nursing

Ref: T1319

Folkestone

Variable contract

You will create and deliver a range of short courses (3-6 hours in duration) on the KCC Care Project across a variety of locations. This will include courses on Dementia, Diabetes, Parkinsons Disease, Palliative Care, Medication and Health Care procedures, Infection prevention and control and Loss, Grief and Bereavement.

### Pastoral Tutor

Ref: S2125

Folkestone

18.5 hours per week

'Putting Learners First' To ensure this happens the College appointed a pool of dedicated Pastoral Tutors whose main function is to remove all barriers to learning and success. They focus on the needs of their tutees enhancing the learner experience and be instrumental in their personal development.

### New Start Learning Advocates x 2

Ref: S2124

Ashford

26 hours per week - term-time only

You will provide assistance with the learning experiences of students within the New Start Centre ensuring they participate fully in the learning experience available to them through their course of study. You will be required to assist students with reading, writing or verbal communication as circumstances demand.

**The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is Monday 21st April 2008.**

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancy, please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk)

*All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.*

*We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment.*

*Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.*



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Post Ref: S3/KOS

#### Hair & Beauty Receptionist

18.5 hrs per week, 40 weeks per year term time.  
Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum  
Post Ref: 08/17/KOS

For an application pack please visit [www.cant-col.ac.uk](http://www.cant-col.ac.uk) or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

**The closing date for the above posts is Monday 21 April at 12 noon.**

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**Apply in writing, including a CV to:**

Personnel Director, Eclipse Recovery Services Ltd, The Warren, Ratting Road, Canterbury, Kent CT3 3BD

Or call 01304 843011 for an Application Form.

**Closing date: 16th April 2008**

**British Red Cross**

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**Campaigns Managers (two posts)**

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We are seeking two energetic and experienced Campaigns Managers to join the marketing team based in Canterbury. Working as part of a small team we need a Manager with website management and development experience to oversee our electronic marketing activity and another Manager with PR and media relations experience and ideally exhibitions experience, to oversee our PR and exhibitions programme. Both will have their own campaigns to run and be part of the marketing strategy and delivery team in support of Visit Kent's investors and the tourism industry in Kent. A passion for Kent and enthusiasm for destination marketing and partnership working is essential.

Salary £26,000 p.a.

Visit [www.visitkent.co.uk](http://www.visitkent.co.uk) for more details of the positions and application details.

For further information, please contact Sharon Dawson on 01227 862789 or [sharon.dawson@visitkent.co.uk](mailto:sharon.dawson@visitkent.co.uk)

Closing date for applications: 22nd April 2008

Interviews to be held on 28th April & 2nd May in Canterbury. This advertisement first appeared on 9th April 2008.

Visit Kent Limited is a public/private sector partnership supported by Kent County Council, Medway Council, the District and Borough Councils, Tourism South East and the leading private sector tourism businesses in Kent.



**Discover your Potential**

Mid-Kent College is one of the largest providers of Further Education in Kent with over 12,000 students, 800 staff and an income in excess of £27m.

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**Trustee for new park in Gillingham**

A new park is being built off Medway Road, Gillingham. The park will be owned and operated by an independent trust.

We are now seeking one trustee from local residents. The successful applicant will have experience of working on a voluntary or elected body; a strong commitment to the local area and an enthusiasm for heritage and/or ecological issues.

**The closing date for applications is 18th April 2008.**

For more information, please contact Jane Jones on 01634 884399 or [jane.jones@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:jane.jones@midkent.ac.uk).



**Lottery New Membership Salesperson**

The Lottery provides vital regular predictable income to help us fund the care we provide to children with life limited conditions and their families.

We seek a highly motivated, well presented communicator based in mid/north Kent to develop our membership base, finding suitable locations for our small exhibition trailer, manning the trailer, and selling membership. You would be responsible for negotiating in store presence within large retail stores and selling lottery membership. An excellent product to sell with 53 cash prizes including £1000 top prize every week.

Ideally full time hours averaging 37 per week. Job share and part time options considered for the right candidates. One year fixed term contract.

You must:

- Demonstrate previous successful sales experience
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- Work flexible hours including some evenings/weekends.

We offer:

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**Closing Date** 25th April, 2008

For an information pack or an informal chat call Paul Booth, Lottery Manager on 01795 845224. An enhanced Disclosure check will be required for the successful candidate.



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**Sales and Marketing Manager Folkestone OTE: £21,000**

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You will be required to market the club both internally and externally, develop relationships within the local business and residential community establishing Bannatyne's as the market leader in the area.

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**Membership Advisor Folkestone OTE £15,500**

This is a key role within the club and requires a highly motivated, and positive individual possessing excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to promote the premier health club.

The successful candidate will be required to work well within a team whilst working shifts and also be good with figures.

Previous experience within the leisure industry is not essential as full training will be given, although previous sales experience is desirable.

Bannatyne's will offer you the opportunity to develop your talents in an industry which is truly rewarding.

So if you enjoy working with the public, are dedicated, enthusiastic and passionate about the business and would like to get more out of life then simply apply now!

**Please send CV's with a cover letter to Rob Hayes at gm.folkestone@bannatyne.co.uk or hand in at reception**

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The successful candidate will also need to be flexible, as the full-time hours will include teaching some evening classes and travelling to our satellite centres.

As well as contributory pension scheme, sponsorship for further vocational training and free car parking, this post also attracts 35 days holiday each year (excluding bank holidays).

To receive an information pack and application form please telephone the Human Resources Department on 01732 850551 or e-mail us at [jobs@hadlow.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@hadlow.ac.uk).

Closing date is Monday, 21st April 2008.

Interviews will be held on Friday, 2nd May 2008.

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## Head of Quality and Standards

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £40,821 per annum

Post Ref: 08/35/KOS

Canterbury College is aiming to be the best in teaching and learning by 2010. An exciting opportunity has arisen to take on this key role in the College to drive this further forward. As Head of Quality and Standards you will be responsible for all quality review and improvement processes together with taking forward local, national and government quality initiatives with the ultimate aim being to further enhance the quality of the teaching and learning experience thereby ensuring success for all students at Canterbury College.

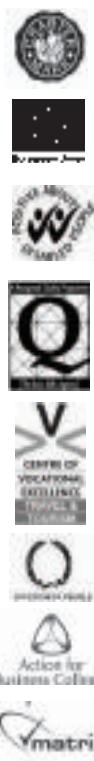
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### Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Sports Hall and Gym
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## Section Manager Equine, Animal Care, Veterinary Services and Environmental Conservation

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum

Post Ref: 08/08/KOS

The Faculty of Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care is looking for someone to lead and manage a team of dedicated professionals, committed to helping Canterbury College becoming one of the best FE colleges in the country by 2010.

Reporting to the Head of Faculty, you will be responsible for the development and delivery of a curriculum portfolio which meets the present and future needs of students, employers and communities in Kent and beyond.

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louise.mitchell@porschetonbridge.co.uk



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## Media and Public Relations Officer

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum

Post Ref: 08/32/KOS

## Higher Education Curriculum Mentor

37 hrs per week, 38 wks per year term time.

Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Fixed-term post for two years or up to 31st July 2010

Post Ref: 08/34/KOS

## Head Chef

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Post Ref: HC1/KOS

## Trainer Demonstrator Hospitality and Catering

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 08/37/KOS

## Learning Resources Centre Co-ordinator

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Post Ref: 07/03/KOS

## Temporary Enrolment Records Assistant

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum.

Temporary posts commencing 1 June 2008 and ending on 31 October 2008

Post Ref: TERA (1-4)/KOS

## Curriculum Support Assistant Construction

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Post Ref: CA6/KOS

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Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 12 May 2008

**To apply/more information**  
Gill Perry, Headteacher  
Burnt Oak Primary School  
Cornwall Road  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 1LP  
Telephone - (01634) 852991  
Fax - 01634 571283  
Email office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

### Fairview Community Primary School

Foundation Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008

**To apply/more information**  
Diana Parker, Office Manager  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewry Drive, Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

### Fairview Community Primary School

Year 3  
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Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008

**To apply/more information**  
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### Gordon Junior School

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Closing date: 13 May 2008

**To apply/more information**  
Ellen Wilson  
Headteacher  
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Rochester  
Kent ME2 3HQ  
Telephone - (01634) 719971  
Fax - 01634 290337  
Email headteacher@gordon-jun.medway.sch.uk

### High Halstow Primary School

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Full Time and Temporary  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 22 April 2008

**To apply/more information**  
Pat Sanford  
Headteacher  
Harrison Drive  
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Rochester  
Kent ME3 8TF  
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Fax - 01634 255628  
Email headteacher@highhalstow.medway.sch.uk

### Luton Junior School

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### To apply/more information

Sheila Scott, Luton Junior School  
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Fax - 01634 843582  
Email scottss001@medway.org.uk

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Mrs D Field  
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### To apply/more information

Mr A J Reese, Headteacher  
Greenacre School  
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Kent ME5 0LE  
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### Medway Community College

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Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008 or earlier  
Closing date: 25 April 2008

### To apply/more information

Katharine Pringle/Julie Jones  
Teacher Recruitment Team  
Medway Council  
Civic Centre  
Strood  
Kent ME2 4AU  
Telephone - (01634) 331292  
Email teaching@medway.gov.uk

### Medway Community College

Mathematics Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 25 April 2008

### To apply/more information

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### St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of Law  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008

### To apply/more information

Mr D Kelly, Headteacher  
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School  
Ordnance Street  
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Kent ME4 6DP  
Telephone - (01634) 842811  
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

### New Brompton College

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Closing Date: 21 April 2008

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(NOR 1500) Head Teacher: Mrs J Dunn

### Required for September 2008 Curriculum Leader, Geography (TLR 2b - £4,037) and Teacher of Science/Health and Social Care

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Tel: 01634 362746 Email: admin@rsg.org.uk

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Company drivers are weakest link in health and safety

THE first prosecution under new corporate manslaughter laws just introduced will involve a driver on company business accidentally killing someone on the UK's roads – according to one safety campaigner.

Andrew McGavin, of BetterDrivingPlease.com, said he feels companies' drivers are the weakest part of many business health and safety plans.

He said: "It's estimated one in three of all road accidents involves a company vehicle or someone driving on business.

"I think it is only a matter of time before a company is legally held to be responsible for the actions of one of its employees on the roads.

"BetterDrivingPlease.com has an increasing number of reports of drivers in branded company vehicles spotted using a hand-held mobile phone or driving dangerously."

The new Corporate Manslaughter Act aims to reduce the number of accidents on the country's roads and therefore also cut the number of deaths.

### Charity karting day raises thousands

CASH totaling £25,000 was raised for The Heart of Kent Hospice and Demelza House at a business-backed charity event at Buckmore Park.

Involved were 21 corporate teams, with 126 people taking part in the go-karting. The winning company for the day was Hoddesdon Kart Club.

Caroline Brinkman, corporate fundraiser at the Heart of Kent Hospice, said: "This event took a lot of hard work from our sponsors to pull it off, but it's worth it.

"This money will mean a lot to the hospice in order to continue our care in the community."

Networking group Bixlinx, which focuses on white collar, high-tech and entrepreneurial businesses, was behind the event.

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Kent Mindful Employer scheme helps mental well-being in the workplace

# Future looking gloomy

■ BY NICK AMES

THE CBI has downgraded its outlook for economic growth for this year, with an even slower prediction for 2009.

The gloomy outlook is the result of continued troubles in the credit markets, rising commodity prices and weak domestic and global demand – especially for consumer and top-range luxury products.

The prediction calls the current economic situation "uncertain" when taken in a global context.

In its latest quarterly economic forecast, this year's rate of GDP growth was down 0.2 per cent to 1.8 per cent.

The forecast for next year has also been downgraded and the CBI's figure of 1.7 per cent growth for 2009 contrasts with the Chancellor's more optimistic forecast of between 2.25 per cent and 2.75 per cent.

Malcolm Hyde, CBI South East regional director, said: "Having enjoyed two years of strong growth, we are now in uncertain times. We are facing a financial shock on a scale not experienced in recent years, which is coming on top of already slower growth.

"However, outside the financial and property sectors the overall mood of business is nothing like as gloomy as you might guess.

"While there are signs of a high street slowdown and some firms say it's getting harder to raise bank finance, many still report quite positive conditions. So it is vitally important to keep the story in perspective.

"Although painful, write-offs by British banks represent a tiny fraction of their capital. After a few good years, the UK corporate balance sheet is in good shape.

"Our flexible labour market is a force for stability and our best bet is that our economy will continue to show modest growth before starting a gradual recovery."

At the same time as the economy slows, inflation is due to rise.

The CBI expects that the rate of inflation will peak at 3.2 per cent in the third quarter of 2008, forcing the governor of the Bank of England to write a second letter to the Chancellor.

Due to the slowing economy, however, inflation is expected to come down in the longer term.



DIFFERENT: Chancellor Alistair Darling has made much brighter economic predictions

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Picture: TONY DAY



SPOT ON: Centre-back Aaron Burritt scored a late penalty to help Herne Bay to maximum points

## City final hopes fall foul to snow

HEAVY snow forced Canterbury RFC's Kent Cup final against Blackheath to be postponed on Sunday.

The game, which is a repeat of last year's showpiece, was due to be played on neutral territory at Colfeians' home at Horn Park.

But blizzard in the early hours of the morning left around three inches of snow on the pitch, making the surface unplayable.

The game will now be rearranged, with the possibility of it taking place in midweek.

Canterbury play their final home game of the season this Saturday, when they host Barking.

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 Motorsport legend Murray Walker talks about Kent's Brands Hatch circuit

## Bay rollers losing ground on leaders

HERNE Bay United missed out on the chance to return to the top of roller hockey's National Premier League with a draw at home to Middlesbrough.

The match was rearranged from earlier in the season after the Teesiders failed to assemble a team for the original fixture in October.

The defending champions were held 7-7 at the Pier and now trail leaders Bury, who have a game in hand, by two points.

United face an uphill task to retain their title with less than half the season remaining. They travel to third-placed Manchester on Sunday.

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# Bay late show beats Bengal

## FOOTBALL

### Herne Bay 3 Sporting Bengal 1

HERNE Bay scored two goals in the dying minutes to overcome struggling Sporting Bengal in a scrappy game at Winch's Field.

The hosts had got off to a perfect start when Christian Marsh opened the scoring from close range after only 38 seconds.

But the visitors levelled soon after and looked set to take a share of the points before Aaron Burritt and Luke Harvey spared the home side's blushes.

After only one defeat in five league games, Bay's assistant manager Barry Morgan has high hopes of a strong finish to the season.

He told Yourcanterbury: "We have three games left and they are all

winnable. I would love it if they could win those games because the players deserve a bit of recognition for what they have done. It's not going to be easy, but if we can finish in the top six that would be nice."

"I think we will blood as many of the youngsters now, play as many as we possibly can and look forward to next season."

Bay were good value for their win, although for much of the game Sporting Bengal were able to frustrate the hosts.

They drew level with a precise lob after nine minutes and were then content to settle for a point.

Harvey's introduction from the substitutes' bench proved the catalyst to the victory. The striker unsettled the Bengal defence, who conceded a penalty when Ben Brown's cross was handled with two minutes of normal time remaining.

Burritt stepped up and blasted home the spot-kick for his first goal of the season, before Harvey sealed the win with a good finish a minute later.

Bay now have back-to-back games against Tunbridge Wells, starting away at the Culverden Stadium this Saturday.



Picture: PERI ALENG

SHOOTING BOOTS: Striker Ian Pulman was again on target for the 14th time since January as Whitstable maintained their recent good form with a win to relegate Molesley

# Resurgent Oystermen keep up unbeaten run

## FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

### Molesley 1 Whitstable Town 3

are not going to do it, then I will get players in that will. Little performances like that can undo all the good work we have done."

Goals from prolific strike duo Dave Cory and Ian Pulman put the visitors in control, with captain Marcos Perona tapping home to secure the points.

Although the visitors ran out comfortable winners, it took well into the second half before the game sparked into life.

Hindered by a poor playing surface, the first half lacked any quality from either side.

Seager said: "We were that poor to be honest if we were playing on my front lawn I would have pulled the curtains – we didn't adapt to the condi-

tions. We had a chat at half-time and in the second half we did very well and were more disciplined."

Once again Whitstable's strike pairing both got on the scoresheet, with Cory netting after the break.

With only three wins all season, Molesley went into the game knowing anything other than victory would relegate them.

The Surrey side's fragile confidence disintegrated after they fell behind and from then on the visitors controlled the game.

Tommy Martin, who had set up the first goal, was then brought down in the box. Pulman stepped up and dispatched the spot-kick with ease to put Whitstable on course for a fourth win in five games.

Perona made it 3-0 after Cory's lob hit a post, but they could not keep a clean sheet and Molesley scored a consolation late on.

Whitstable could go six games unbeaten when they play another team in good form this Saturday, as Steve Lovell's Ashford Town visit the Belmont in a Kent derby.



**DELIGHT:** Dan Bonneywell will lead Canterbury City out in the Kent (Junior) Cup final next month, after a last-minute winner put out FC Quayside in a semi-final replay

# City's double hopes alive after cup win

CANTERBURY City remain on course for a league and cup double in their first season since reforming after overcoming FC Quayside in the Kent (Junior) Cup semi-final replay.

Royston Gough scored the winner in second half injury-time to clinch the win and send City into a final against Holmesdale reserves next month.

Canterbury were much improved from the drawn first game a week earlier and boss Dave Fairclough was delighted with his team's response.

He said: "Last week we looked jaded and froze a bit. We played really well. Obviously the score-

## FOOTBALL

■ BY YOURCANTERBURY REPORTER

### FC Quayside 1 Canterbury City 2

line looked tight but I think we pretty much dominated and also had three strong penalty shouts turned down, which was a bit frustrating.

"I think other than conceding a sloppy goal we were on top, so it was a really good professional performance."

With five first-choice players missing, including suspended top-scorer Wayne Fittall, City were expecting to struggle in Rochester.

But Gough has hit a rich vein of form in recent weeks and he drove home Sam Baker's

cross in the eighth minute for his 19th goal of the season.

Quayside levelled and went on to threaten a winner, but the teenage combination of Calum McGeehan and Jamie Maxted held firm in midfield.

The game looked destined to drift into extra-time until Maxted centred for Gough to head home in the last minute.

And with APM Mears losing to Otford, City are assured of the Kent County League Division Two East title. Otford are the only team who can catch Fairclough's side, but to do so they need to win their last five games by large margins and hope City lose their remaining games.

City's final against Holmesdale will be on May 3 at the home of Corinthian Casuals.



**BIG LEAP:** Kent Crusaders (in blue) have fought back from a slow start to the season

**Coach heaps praise on his young Crusaders**

## BASKETBALL

KENT Crusaders head coach Mads Olesen singled out youngsters Rikki Broadmore, Dan Garrad and JP Djamandja as the team's success stories in a mixed season for the club.

The club began the season with high hopes of making the play-offs, but ended up embroiled in a battle against relegation in Division Two.

A surge in form late in the season saw them avoid the drop, with Olesen particularly pleased with the contribution made by Broadmore, 18, Garrad, 17 and Djamandja, 21.

He said: "Rikki and JP quickly became important players and Dan grew into the role as the season progressed, becoming one of our most important defenders."

"Rikki coming in and breaking the single-season assists record with 89 and JP coming in fourth on the single-season rebounds records with 110 shows how big these youngsters played."

Crusaders were forced to field a young team after older stalwarts including captain Paul Jessop and star point guard Gary Davidson left the club.

Olesen believes their absence should not be underestimated, especially as the team struggled to find any rhythm early on in the season.

He said: "It's always going to be difficult to lose that many experienced players. It takes time for the players to get to know each other.

"At times we struggled to find an identity as a team, but towards the end of the year things started to come together."

On the court the team equalled the record of 06-07, earning seven wins and 15 losses in league play, good for ninth place.

Now the youngsters have a full season under their belts, the aim is to go at least one better next season and reach the play-offs by finishing in the top eight.

Olesen said: "There has been a lot of changes at the club over the last year, as we have strengthened the organisation greatly,

"We now have the basis for bringing in one or two key players, and if we do that I think we can improve greatly on this year."

## CRICKET

Amjad Khan made his return to action after more than 12 months out through injury in the second game and he celebrated with a quick-fire 44 to help the hosts to a four-run victory.

Tredwell top scored with an unbeaten 61, while Geraint Jones also hit a half-century.

The county have two more scheduled pre-season games before they begin the new County Championship season against Nottinghamshire on April 16.

Captain Robert Key will lead his side out for a two-day game against rivals Surrey at Beckenham today, before the team heads back to Canterbury to take on Leeds and Bradford University for a three-day game beginning on Saturday.

The team are likely to be without South African all-rounder Justin Kemp as the county awaits a decision regarding their appeal over his registration from the England and Wales Cricket Board.



**TON UP:** Martin van Jaarsveld was in good form with the bat for Kent, making a century in the first pre-season match

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